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State takes aim at local opposition to shelters

New code combats restrictive ordinances

By Samantha J. Gross
GLOBE STAFF

Facing pushback from some communities, the Healey administration is adopting a new housing code that explicitly exempts emergency shelters from local zoning restrictions that prevent hotels, motels, and other properties from being used to accommodate the swelling tide of homeless and migrant families.

While many communities have pledged to welcome those families, a number have bristled at hosting a surge of new residents, even temporarily. Some point to local ordinances that restrict the length of hotel stays or cite the lack of funds for schools that would be stretched with an influx of new families.

The resistance from the towns adds another roadblock to the state's effort to house homeless families amid a housing shortage that makes it difficult and very expensive to provide shelter.

"We need every community to be part of the solution by welcoming families into shelter and building more affordable housing so we can address the root cause: a sustained, substantial housing shortage," Samantha Kaufman, a spokesperson for the Department of Housing and Community Development, said in a statement.

The state's 1983 "right-to-shelter" law obligates officials to immediately house eligible families, pushing officials to find shelter options on short notice. At the same time, the number of migrants arriving from troubled places such as Haiti is escalating.

On Tuesday, 23 new families eligible for shelter entered the state system, and the number of families staying in hotels or motels climbed to 814, more than double that in late January, according to state fig-

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"Being a mother was the most important thing for me," said Shayla Johnson, shown with her son, 16-month-old Ronin.

FOR BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS, NEW HOPE ON PREGNANCY

Pausing hormone blockers, which fight recurrence, may be OK, study says

By Kay Lazar
GLOBE STAFF

Young women who recover from breast cancer have long faced an agonizing choice: jeopardize their chances of having children or risk the possibility of their cancer quickly returning.

The powerful hormone blockers many take for years after their tumors are removed help keep the cancer from recurring, but the drugs can be toxic for a developing fetus.

Now a new international study led by Boston researchers offers hope. It found that allowing up to a two-year break in hormone suppression therapy to allow women the chance to get pregnant and breast feed did not appear to increase the risk of cancer recurring during the roughly 3½ years that participants were followed.

The findings, published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, focused on women with hormone receptor–positive breast cancer, the most common form.

Doctors usually recommend that women with this type of cancer delay pregnancy for five to 10 years while they undergo follow-up hormone suppression therapy, which reduces their chances of having a recurrence. The medication slows or stops the growth of hormone-sensitive tumors by blocking the body's ability to produce hormones or by interfering with their effects on breast cancer cells.

But that years-long pause in childbearing can be distressing for women keenly aware that their biological clock is ticking as their peak reproductive years slip away.

Historically, doctors have also been concerned that elevated levels of the hormones estrogen and progesterone during pregnancy would increase the risk of the breast cancer coming back

"It's no longer sufficient to say, 'You survived your cancer, you should be grateful and

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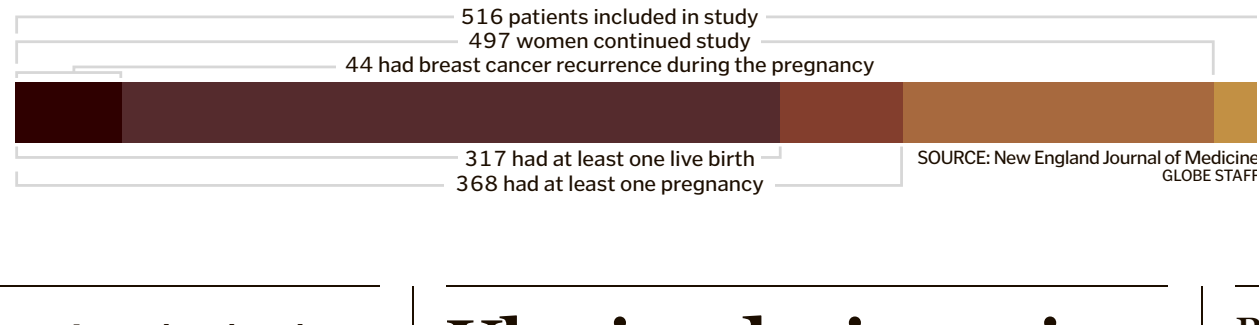
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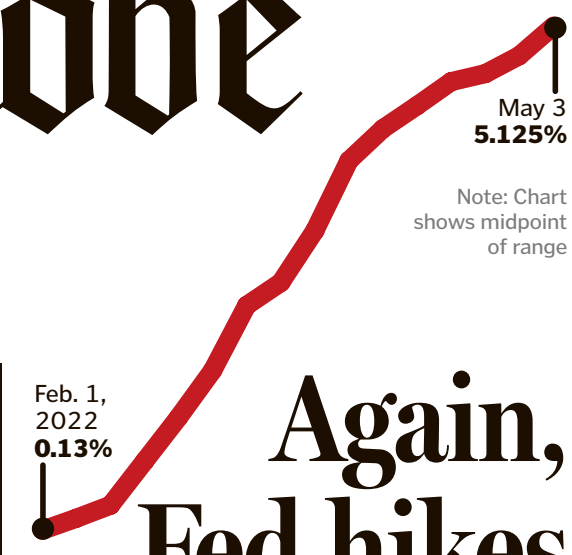

Again, Fed hikes rate to fight inflation

May be last for a while, with concerns about a recession

By Jim Puzzanghera
GLOBE STAFF

Despite slowing economic growth, another bank failure, and a showdown over the debt limit, Federal Reserve officials Wednesday raised a key interest rate for the third time this year but signaled it might be the last one for a while.

The quarter percentage point increase, the 10th straight hike by the Fed's monetary policy committee, underscored how officials are prioritizing their fight against still-elevated inflation over fears that higher borrowing costs will push the nation into a recession. The central bank's benchmark rate is now between 5 percent and 5.25 percent, the highest since 2007.

The rate has reached the level the Fed had projected for the end of 2023, and analysts expect officials to hold off on any more increases in order to gauge how the tighter credit conditions affect an economy being buffeted by strong headwinds.

In a statement, the Fed said it would "closely monitor" incoming economic data and take into account a delayed effect from the higher rates in "determining" whether additional increases are necessary. That wording was softer than in its last statement in March, when the Fed said it anticipated additional hikes might be appropriate.

In a news conference after the announcement,

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Tax shortfall gives state a dose of reality

April revenue is $2.2 billion below same month last year

By Matt Stout
GLOBE STAFF

The good times, it seems, are ending.

After years of sometimes record-breaking budget surpluses, state tax revenue plummeted in April, falling nearly $2.2 billion below what the state collected in that month a year ago and leaving Massachusetts running — by one measure — $700 million below projections for the year to date.

Lawmakers and budget officials have long braced for a slowdown, but the extent of the drop for April, typically the strongest month, caught some on Beacon Hill by surprise. Collections fell more than $1.6 billion short of what officials originally projected for the month, according to data released Wednesday, and quickly cratered what had been an overachieving revenue picture.

The state had closed March with $868 million more in revenue than it originally anticipated. The reversal in fortunes last month now opens the possibility that the state may need to tap a roughly $1.7 billion escrow account it built using surplus money from a year ago to close any potential gap in the $52 billion budget.

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A seventh-grade student armed with pistols and Molotov cocktails shot and killed eight children and a security guard in an attack on his school in Serbia. **A4.**

A poetry scholar has discovered what's believed to be the earliest known full-length elegy by Phillis Wheatley, the Boston-based author considered the first African American to publish a poetry book. **B1.**

The FDA approved a vaccine for the respiratory syncytial virus in adults who are 60 and older. **A2.**

A man who spent 30 years in prison will receive a $13 million settlement from Lowell for a wrongful arson conviction. **B1.**

Ukraine denies trying to kill Putin by drones

Unclear who was behind Kremlin explosions

By Anton Troianovski and Haley Willis
NEW YORK TIMES

After a pair of explosions above the Kremlin early Wednesday, Russia accused Ukraine of trying to assassinate President Vladimir Putin with a drone attack, but Kyiv denied any involvement in an incident that could raise the already high stakes in Europe's biggest conflict since World War II.

Video footage verified by The New York Times showed what appeared to be two drones detonating over the Kremlin 15 minutes apart, the first shortly before 2:30 a.m. Russia called it an unsuccessful "attempt on the life of the president" by Ukraine that was foiled by Russian "electronic warfare systems," but did not release any evidence of a Ukrainian link.

The Ukrainian government asserted that Russia had manufactured the incident to distract attention from Ukraine's expected imminent counteroffensive and possibly justify escalation by Moscow. A drone attack at the deeply symbolic heart of Russian

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BETWEEN THE LINES

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Sailors worked Wednesday on the rigging of the clipper Stad Amsterdam, which is docked at Fan Pier in the Seaport. The ship will be open Sunday from 11 to 4.

VISIT…

The Nation

Facebook misled on kids' privacy, US says

FTC demands more protection for app users

By Barbara Ortutay
ASSOCIATED PRESS

US regulators say Facebook misled parents and failed to protect the privacy of children using its Messenger Kids app, including misrepresenting the access it provided to app developers to private user data.

As a result, the Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday proposed sweeping changes to a 2020 privacy order with Facebook — now called Meta — that would prohibit it from profiting from data it collects on users under 18. This would include data collected through its virtual-reality products. The FTC said the company has failed to fully comply with the 2020 order.

Meta would also be subject to other limitations, including its use of face-recognition technology, and be required to provide additional privacy protections for its users.

"Facebook has repeatedly violated its privacy promises," said Samuel Levine, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "The company's recklessness has put young users at risk, and Facebook needs to answer for its failures."

Meta called the announcement a "political stunt."

"Despite three years of continual engagement with the FTC around our agreement, they provided no opportunity to discuss this new, totally unprecedented theory. Let's be clear about what the FTC is trying to do: usurp the authority of Congress to set industry-wide standards and instead single out one American company while allowing Chinese companies, like TikTok, to operate without constraint on American soil," Meta said in a prepared statement.

The Menlo Park, Calif., company added that it will "vigorously fight" the FTC's action and expects to prevail.

Facebook launched Messenger Kids in 2017, pitching it as a way for children to chat with family members and friends approved by their parents. The app doesn't give kids separate Facebook or Messenger accounts. Rather, it works as an extension of a parent's account, and parents get controls, such as the ability to decide with whom their kids can chat.

At the time, Facebook said Messenger Kids wouldn't show ads or collect data for marketing, though it would collect some data it said was necessary to run the service.

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Facebook called the FTC's announcement a "political stunt" and vowed to vigorously fight the proposed changes.

But child-development experts raised immediate concerns.

In early 2018, a group of 100 experts, advocates, and parenting organizations contested Facebook's claims that the app was filling a need kids had for a messaging service. The group included nonprofits, psychiatrists, pediatricians, educators, and the children's music singer Raffi Cavoukian.

"Messenger Kids is not responding to a need — it is creating one," the letter said. "It appeals primarily to children who otherwise would not have their own social media accounts." Another passage criticized Facebook for "targeting younger children with a new product."

Facebook, in response to the letter, said at the time that the app "helps parents and children to chat in a safer way" and emphasized that parents are "always in control" of their kids' activity.

The FTC now says this has not been the case. The 2020 privacy order, which required Facebook to pay a $5 billion fine, required an independent assessor to evaluate the company's privacy practices. The FTC said the assessor "identified several gaps and weaknesses in Facebook's privacy program."

"Despite the company's promises that children using Messenger Kids would only be able to communicate with contacts approved by their parents, children in certain circumstances were able to communicate with unapproved contacts in group text chats and group video calls," the FTC said.

Meta critics applauded the FTC's action. Jeffrey Chester, the executive director of the nonprofit Center for Digital Democracy, called it "a long-overdue intervention into what has become a huge national crisis for young people."

Meta, with its platforms Instagram and Facebook, Chester added, "are at the center of a powerful commercialized social media system that has spiraled out of control, threatening the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents."

As part of the proposed changes to the FTC's 2020 order, Meta would also be required to pause launching new products and services without "written confirmation from the assessor that its privacy program is in full compliance" with the order.

Meta has 30 days to respond to the FTC's latest action.

FDA approves vaccine for RSV

Would target adults 60, older

By Christina Jewett
NEW YORK TIMES

The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved GSK's vaccine for the respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, for adults who are 60 and older, the company said.

The vaccine, to be sold as Arexvy, appears to be the first in the world approved for sale to protect older adults from RSV, a potentially fatal respiratory illness.

The FDA estimates that RSV is associated with 6,000 to 10,000 deaths each year in adults 65 and older and at least 60,000 hospitalizations in that age group. It is a leading killer of children worldwide.

Last winter, RSV contributed to the "tripledemic" also involving flu and COVID cases that swamped children's hospitals and some ICU wards.

Announcing the approval, Dr. Peter Marks, the agency's vaccine division chief, said: "Older adults, in particular those with underlying health conditions, such as heart or lung disease or weakened immune systems, are at high risk for severe disease caused by RSV."

On March 1, an FDA advisory panel reviewed data from trials for two RSV vaccines aimed at older adults, one from GSK and one from Pfizer. The panel recommended that the agency approve both.

The GSK vaccine was nearly 83 percent effective in preventing lower respiratory tract illness in adults 60 and older in a study of about 25,000 patients, according to data published in The New England Journal of Medicine. The virus can lead to pneumonia, which is far more worrisome for the elderly.

Pfizer's RSV vaccine for older adults is also expected to receive FDA approval this month. In a large study of that shot, it was found to be nearly 67 percent effective in preventing RSV-related illness.

The Pfizer and GSK vaccines were even more effective in treating older and sicker patients.

The advisers did learn of some rare side effects from the vaccine trials. In the days after the shots were given, two recipients of the Pfizer vaccine and one recipient of the GSK shot developed cases of Guillain-Barré, a condition in which the immune system attacks the nervous system, according to data given to the FDA panel.

Once the shots become available to the public, the agency said, it would require GSK to monitor the incidence of Guillain-Barré and another rare condition that was possibly related to the shot.

Cambridge-based Moderna is also developing a vaccine for RSV in older adults and said it expected authorization in the first half of this year. A trial of 37,000 older adults showed 82 percent efficacy of the shot, the company said, with "no safety concerns identified," though analyses were continuing.

AstraZeneca and Sanofi are seeking FDA approval of a monoclonal antibody treatment meant to protect infants and toddlers up to 2 years old from RSV infections. Findings from a major study showed the therapy reduced confirmed illnesses by 75 percent after one shot, according to AstraZeneca.

Pfizer is seeking a separate approval for an RSV vaccine given in the later stages of pregnancy to protect young infants.

It will still be months before the adult vaccine is publicly available in the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected to follow the FDA's approval, most likely in June.

GSK said its vaccine would then be available in the fall at US pharmacies, clinics, and other health care settings.

Daily Briefing

One killed, four hurt in Atlanta shooting

ATLANTA — Police captured a man who allegedly opened fire inside the waiting room of an Atlanta medical facility, killing one woman and injuring four others Wednesday, officials said.

Authorities had swarmed the city's bustling midtown neighborhood earlier in the day in search of the suspect, who had fled after the shooting. Police said that the gunman, whom they identified as 24-year-old Deion Patterson, was captured Wednesday evening.

Authorities said Patterson stole a vehicle and drove away after shooting five women on the 11th floor of a Northside medical building shortly after noon. The facility is in a commercial area filled with office towers and high-rise apartments, and news of the shooting prompted workers and residents to shelter in place for hours.

Deion Patterson was arrested hours after the shooting.

Atlanta Police Chief Darin Schierbaum said a 39-year-old woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The four injured victims were also women, aged 25, 39, 56 , and 71.

Hours after the shooting, Mayor Andre Dickens told reporters the surviving victims were fighting for their lives at Grady Hospital.

Patterson's mother, Minyone Patterson, told The Associated Press by phone that her son, a former Coast Guardsman, had "some mental instability going on" from medication he received from the Veterans Affairs health system that he began taking on Friday. She said she didn't know where her son was.

She said that her son had wanted Ativan to deal with anxiety and depression, but that the VA wouldn't give it to him because they said it would be too addicting. She's a nurse and said she told them he would only have taken the proper dosage "because he listened to me in every way."

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MIGRANTS IN NYC — Asylum seekers were greeted as they arrived on Wednesday in New York City. Mayor Eric Adams criticized Texas Governor Greg Abbott for playing politics with people's lives as the governor resumed busing asylum seekers to New York and other cities.

Death penalty possible in Pa. massacre

PITTSBURGH — The man charged in the deadliest attack on Jewish people in US history has lost another bid to get the death penalty removed as a possible punishment.

With jury selection underway at the federal trial of Robert Bowers, a judge ruled Tuesday against a defense motion that challenged the government's pursuit of the death penalty.

US District Judge Robert Colville said in his decision that Bowers's defense team "fails entirely to establish a basis upon which the court could conclude that the government has arbitrarily sought the death penalty in this case."

Bowers is charged with 63 criminal counts in the killings of 11 worshippers on Oct. 27, 2018, at the Tree of Life synagogue building where three congregations had gathered. The charges include 11 counts of obstruction of free exercise of religion resulting in death and 11 counts of hate crimes resulting in death.

Prosecutors say Bowers made antisemitic comments at the scene of the attacks and in earlier online forums.

More than 100 potential jurors have been questioned by prosecutors and the defense through the first seven days of jury selection, with a heavy focus on their views on a potential death sentence. The process resumed Wednesday.

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US history scores are falling

National test scores released on Wednesday showed a marked drop in students' knowledge of US history and a modest decline in civics, a sign of the pandemic's alarming reach, damaging student performance in nearly every academic area.

The pandemic plunge in US history accelerated a downward trend that began nearly a decade ago, hitting this recent low at a time when the subject has become increasingly politically divisive.

More students are falling below even the basic standards set out on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, a rigorous national exam administered by the Department of Education. About 40 percent of eighth graders scored "below basic" in US history last year, compared with 34 percent in 2018.

Just 13 percent of eighth graders were considered proficient, down from 18 percent nearly a decade ago.

The dip in civics performance was smaller but notable. It was the first decline since the test began being administered in the late 1990s. About 22 percent of students were proficient, down from 24 percent in 2018.

The results, from a national sample of about 8,000 eighth graders in each subject, track with scores in math and reading, which also decreased during the pandemic.

NEW YORK TIMES

More arrests made in Texas shooting, including wife of suspect

HOUSTON — Officials said Wednesday they had arrested the wife of the man they believe had fatally shot five people in a neighborhood dispute outside Cleveland, Texas. The arrest was one of several the authorities made after locating and arresting the suspect Tuesday.

The announcement pointed to assistance that the suspect, Francisco Oropesa, may have had from relatives and others who lived near his home in eluding capture for four days.

The hunt ended Tuesday, when state and federal officers found Oropesa in a house a few miles from the site in San Jacinto County where the shooting took place Friday. Oropesa was discovered hiding in a closet, according to the San Jacinto sheriff, Greg Capers.

On Wednesday, Tim Kean, the chief deputy of the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office, said that several arrests had been made in the case, and that more were expected.

Besides Oropesa, those arrested include the woman described as his wife, Divimara Nava, 52.

During the search, officials said that Nava was cooperating with investigators. But she was at the house where Oropesa was found Tuesday, and investigators believe she assisted him in evading capture.

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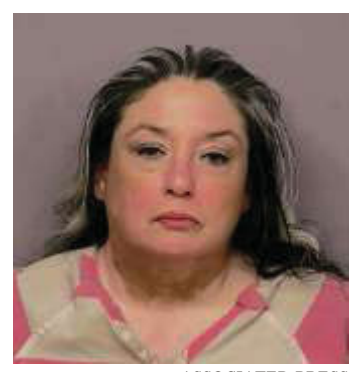
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Police believe Divimara Lamar Nava helped her husband evade capture.

A missed graduation during WWII, and a 2nd chance

Now 101, he'll walk with the Class of 2023

By Kyle Melnick
WASHINGTON POST

When he started college in the fall of 1939, Fredric Taylor was excited for his future. He had begun studying music education at his hometown school, Iowa's Cornell College, with dreams of becoming a music instructor.

Then, in December 1941, Japan attacked the US naval base at Pearl Harbor, prompting the United States to enter World War II. Taylor, knowing he could be drafted into the military, instead joined the Army Air Corps the following year.

While Taylor had completed the requirements for his degree by his final semester, he wouldn't be able to attend his graduation ceremony in May 1943. He had been sent to train in Missouri three months earlier.

But this month, Taylor, who is now 101, will finally walk across the stage. On May 14, Cornell College will honor Taylor at its graduation — 80 years after his scheduled ceremony.

"It was just something that felt incomplete — doing all the work for the degree and not walking across the stage and receiving that diploma," Taylor told The Washington Post.

Taylor developed a passion for music when he started playing the sousaphone at his Springville, Iowa, middle school. In high school, he joined the instrumental and choir music groups and learned to play the euphonium and trombone and sing solos.

Taylor was studying at Cornell College, a small liberal arts school in Mount Vernon, Iowa, when Japan struck Pearl Harbor. Most men were required to register for the draft, and Taylor didn't want to risk being drafted as an infantryman. A few months after the attack, he and friends set out to fly fighter planes instead.

In February 1943, Taylor traveled to Missouri's Jefferson Barracks. Instead of celebrating his final months of college, Taylor said he lived in tents with little protection from rain and snow. Taylor's father, Fred, picked up Taylor's diploma at Cornell.

COURTESY OF LINDA TAYLOR

Fredric Taylor, a graduate of Iowa's Cornell College, with his wife, Peggy, in 2014. The school will honor him on May 14.

Taylor later trained in Michigan, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, and Colorado. While in Colorado Springs in September 1944, he married his fiancee from Cornell, Peggy Newberg. He became a lieutenant and spent the next year at a military base in Fano, Italy. He never saw combat. His military duties — and the war — ended in the fall of 1945.

After returning to Iowa, Taylor joined the Iowa Air National Guard and had a daughter, Linda, in 1948. Taylor earned a master's degree in music education from Drake University in the mid-1950s. He said he missed that graduation ceremony, too, because he was working in sales for Armour and Company in South Dakota.

He later became a music instructor for elementary, middle, and high schools — a profession he continued when he moved to La Mesa, Calif., in 1959. He led school bands, which he said often played at graduation ceremonies. At each one, he was reminded of the Cornell commencement ceremony he missed.

Taylor thought he would have to live with that regret. He retired in 1983 and traveled across the country during the summers.

His daughter Linda started to teach anthropology at the University of Miami in 1989. Seeing the smiling graduates and their families at the school's graduation ceremonies made Linda hope that her dad could have that experience one day.

"It's the rite of passage," said Linda, 74.

Taylor was married to Peggy for more than 75 years before her death from kidney failure in March 2020, Linda said. Linda figured she needed to take action if her dad was ever going to participate in a graduation.

A few months ago, she shared her dad's story with Cornell administrators and asked if he could walk across the stage.

"Every student deserves that moment in front of their families to celebrate the completion of college, even if it's 80 years later," Cornell College President Jonathan Brand said in a statement. "Plus, Fred is a powerful example for our Class of 2023 graduates. Through Fred, we witness how Cornellians lead fulfilling and meaningful lives serving others. This is a day we'll never forget."

Linda booked plane tickets and hotel reservations and sent them to her dad during the family's weekly Zoom in late March. When Taylor realized he would walk across Cornell's stage, he said he was shocked and "tickled."

After students graduate at a ceremony in front of a campus building May 14, Brand plans to invite Taylor onto the stage. While Brand tells Taylor's backstory, Taylor — wearing regalia — will walk across the platform and receive a diploma.

Then, Taylor will lead the graduates in turning their tassel from the right to the left side of their caps to mark the end of their, and his, college studies.

"It's the best kind of closure," Linda said.

Global weather pattern tied to intense heat is expected by fall

El Niño may bring severe drought to some

By Elena Shao
NEW YORK TIMES

Forecasters from the World Meteorological Organization are reporting increased chances that the global climate pattern known as El Niño will arrive by the end of summer. With it comes increased chances for hotter-than-normal temperatures in 2024.

While there is not yet a clear picture of how strong the El Niño event will be or how long it might last, even a relatively mild one could affect precipitation and temperature patterns around the world.

"The development of an El Niño will most likely lead to a new spike in global heating and increase the chance of breaking temperature records," Petteri Taalas, the secretary-general of the meteorological organization, said in a news release.

El Niño is associated with warmer-than-normal ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. In the United States, it tends to lead to rainier, cooler conditions in much of the South and warmer conditions in parts of the North.

Elsewhere, El Niño can bring increased rainfall to southern South America and the Horn of Africa and severe drought to Australia, Indonesia, and parts of southern Asia.

El Niño, together with its counterpart La Niña, is part of the intermittent cycle known as the El Niño-Southern Oscillation, or ENSO, that is highly influential in shaping year-to-year variations in weather conditions across the globe.

ENSO is a naturally occurring phenomenon, and scientists are still researching exactly how human-caused climate change over the past 150 years may be impacting the dynamics of El Niño and La Niña events, with some studies suggesting that El Niño events may be more extreme in a warmer future.

Conditions in the tropical Pacific have been in a neutral state since the latest La Niña event ended this year. La Niña conditions had persisted through a rare three consecutive winters in the Northern Hemisphere, supercharging Atlantic hurricane seasons and prolonging severe drought across much of the Western United States.

Yet, despite the cooling effect La Niña typically has, the past eight years have been the hottest on record, a worrisome addition to the longer-term pattern of temperatures that have been steadily rising as the world continues to emit greenhouse gases from burning coal, oil, and natural gas.

According to the World Meteorological Organization outlook, there is about a 60 percent chance that El Niño will form between May and July and an 80 percent chance it will form between July and September. The forecasts are based on observations of wind patterns and ocean temperatures as well as climate modeling, said Wilfran Moufouma-Okia, head of the Climate Prediction Services Division at the organization, which is a United Nations agency.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued a similar outlook last month. Both groups cautioned that while El Niño events are associated with certain conditions, they unfold differently each time. But in general, the warmest year of any decade will be an El Niño year according to data from NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information.

Research surrounding global warming's effects on precipitation and temperature worldwide are much more conclusive: It has intensified wet and dry global extremes, prolonged heat waves, and warmed winters.

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The World

Student in Belgrade kills 9 at school

Security officer also killed, others injured in attack

By Cora Engelbrecht
NEW YORK TIMES

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People lit candles at a memorial for the victims of the school shooting in the Serbian capital of Belgrade on Wednesday.

A seventh-grade student armed with pistols and Molotov cocktails shot and killed eight children and a security guard Wednesday in an attack against his school in the Serbian capital, Belgrade, shocking a country where gun ownership is high but violence from the weapons is rare.

The shooting took place around 8:40 a.m. at Vladislav Ribnikar primary school, in Vracar, an upscale neighborhood, Chief Veselin Milic of the Belgrade police said at a news conference. The student fatally shot seven girls and one boy using two handguns, which he took from his father. He also carried four self-made Molotov cocktails, Milic said.

Six children and a teacher were also injured in the attack. One of the children, a 13-year-old, was described as having "life-threatening injuries," officials said.

"Today is one of the most difficult days in the modern history of our country," President Aleksandar Vucic of Serbia said in a speech Wednesday. "Unfortunately, Serbia is united in grief."

Saying the shooter "showed no remorse," Vucic confirmed that he had been arrested and taken to a mental health clinic. He would not be held criminally responsible for the killings because he is younger than 14, according to a statement from Belgrade's Higher Public Prosecutor's Office, although Vucic said he would propose changes in the age of criminal liability.

The boy's parents had also been arrested, the president said.

A vigil took place Wednesday night in Belgrade's flower square, a block from the school. Among those killed was a French girl, according to France's Foreign Ministry, which said in a statement that it was working to "provide all their support to the family."

Authorities were alerted when they received a call from the school's vice principal, who said a child had "entered the school with a firearm and was shooting randomly," the police chief said.

Police officials said the student began shooting immediately upon entering the building, killing the security guard and others before making his way down a corridor toward a history classroom, which he had targeted because it was near the entrance.

He shot into the classroom before fleeing to the school's yard, where he called authorities to report himself, Milic said in a televised interview with state media. He added that the suspect called himself a "psychopath" who needed to be calmed down. He was apprehended shortly after.

The security guard was killed while trying to stop the attack, according to the district's mayor, Milan Nedeljkovic.

In his remarks Wednesday, Vucic said that tragedies such as the school shooting in Belgrade were happening "every week in other countries." He promised to introduce a series of measures designed to regulate guns and curb the likelihood of another attack. The proposals included lowering the age of criminal liability to 12, from 14, and setting a moratorium on the possession and carrying of weapons. He also said he intended to enforce a review process for all gun owner permits.

Serbian Health Minister Danica Grujicic said at the news conference that three students and a teacher had been admitted to the Clinical Center of Serbia after 9 a.m., and were being treated for gunshot wounds.

"This is my scariest experience as a doctor and a person," Grujicic said, describing how one of the students, around 13 years old, had "life-threatening injuries" to his chest, neck and spine. The teacher had also suffered injuries to her pelvis and both hands.

Three other students were being treated at a children's hospital, where one student, still in "unstable condition," was receiving surgery for a severe head injury, the health minister said.

Milic said at the news conference that teachers characterized the suspect as a "good student and good friend" who had not previously attracted attention. But Vucic said later Wednesday that the boy had asked his parents and teachers to transfer him to a different class, where he later felt alienated by students.

One student who spoke to state television claimed to have spent time with the shooter, and described him as "a quiet and polite person" who had been bullied by others.

The shooter's preparations for the attack, which authorities said spanned over one month, were detailed in a map he sketched and a list of targets, including students. "The sketch looks a bit like something from a game or a horror movie," Milic said. The student, who had demonstrated skilled use of the weapons, calmly recounted his crime to authorities Wednesday, Milic said.

The boy obtained the weapons from his father, who later told police that he had permits for both pistols, which he kept locked in a safe for which his son had apparently discovered the code, Bratislac Gasic, minister of police, said at the news conference. The student had reportedly accompanied his father to a shooting range, he added.

The shooting shattered the usual calm in the high-end enclave of Vracar, 1 mile from downtown Belgrade, where the school of about 1,100 students is nestled among rows of stately houses and leafy streets.

How US efforts for democracy in Sudan ended in war

On the verge of a breakthrough, nation divided

By Edward Wong, Michael Crowley, and Declan Walsh
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Sudanese evacuees fleeing military conflict in Sudan waited before boarding a Saudi military ship to Jeddah port, at Port Sudan on Wednesday.

Just weeks ago, US diplomats thought Sudan was on the verge of a breakthrough agreement that would advance its transition from military dictatorship to full-fledged democracy, delivering on the soaring promise of the country's revolution in 2019.

Sudan had become an important test case in President Biden's core foreign policy goal of bolstering democracies worldwide, which in his view weakens corrupt leaders and allows nations to more capably stand as bulwarks against the influences of China, Russia, and other autocratic powers.

But on April 23, the same US diplomats who had been involved in the negotiations in Sudan suddenly found themselves shutting down the embassy and fleeing Khartoum on secret nighttime helicopter flights as the country spiraled into a potential civil war.

Biden administration officials and their partners are now struggling to get two warring generals to stick to tenuous cease-fires and to end hostilities, as foreign governments evacuate civilians amid fighting that has left at least 528 dead and more than 330,000 displaced. The actual toll is almost certainly much higher than those Sudanese government numbers.

An urgent question at the heart of the crisis is whether the United States miscalculated how difficult it would be to introduce democracy in a country with a long history of military rule, and the risks of negotiating with strongmen who talk about democracy but never deliver.

Critics say the Biden administration, rather than empowering civilian leaders, prioritized working with the two rival generals, General Abdel-Fattah al-Burhan, the head of Sudan's army, and Lieutenant General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, a paramilitary chief, even after they carried out a military coup together in 2021.

Senior US diplomats "made the mistake of coddling the generals, accepting their irrational demands, and treating them as natural political actors," said Amgad Fareid Eltayeb, an adviser to Sudan's deposed prime minister, Abdalla Hamdok. "This fed their lust for power and their illusion of legitimacy."

And some analysts ask whether US officials have a cleareyed approach to carrying out Biden's global push for democratic resilience.

The violence in Sudan is creating exactly the kind of power vacuum that Biden's aides had hoped to avoid. Russian mercenaries of the Wagner Group are among the players already trying to fill the gap, current and former US officials say.

"If this fighting continues, there's going to be a great temptation among outside actors to say, 'If these guys are going to fight it to the death, we better get in there, because we would rather have this guy, or this institution, win,'" said Jeffrey D. Feltman, a former US envoy to the Horn of Africa who worked on negotiations for civilian rule.

"If you don't get to a cease-fire, not only do you have the misery of these 46 million people," he added, "you have a higher temptation for outsiders to start hypercharging the fighting by direct intervention."

Hamdok has said civil war in Sudan would make the conflicts in Syria, Yemen, and Libya look like "a small play."

The State Department and the White House declined to comment.

The White House's Africa strategy paper, released in August, asserts that "by reaffirming that democracy delivers tangible benefits," the United States can help limit the influence of "negative" outside nations and nonstate groups, reduce the need for costly interventions, and help Africans determine their own future.

Feltman and other former and current US officials say supporting democracy should still be the cornerstone of US policy in Sudan, given the aspirations expressed in protests that led to the ouster in 2019 of President Omar al-Bashir, the dictator of 30 years. Congressional leaders are now calling for Biden and the United Nations to appoint special envoys to Sudan.

The setbacks in Sudan follow other democratic disappointments in northern Africa, including a military counterrevolution in neighboring Egypt a decade ago; nearly 10 years of political anarchy in Libya, another neighbor of Sudan, after its dictator, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, was overthrown; and a recent return to one-man authoritarian rule in Tunisia after a decade as the only country to emerge from the 2011 Arab Spring with a democratic government.

Al-Bashir's downfall four years ago led to joyous displays from Sudanese who hoped that democracy might take root in their country despite its failures elsewhere in the region. After several months of junta rule, Sudan's military and civilian leaders signed a power-sharing agreement that created a transitional government headed by Hamdok, an economist. The plan envisioned elections after three years.

DAILY BRIEFING

Myanmar says it will free 2,100 political prisoners

BANGKOK — Myanmar's ruling military council on Wednesday said it was releasing more than 2,100 political prisoners as a humanitarian gesture. Thousands more remain imprisoned on charges generally involving nonviolent protests or criticism of military rule, which began when the army seized power in February 2021 from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

State-run MRTV television reported that the head of Myanmar's military council, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, had pardoned 2,153 prisoners on the most important Buddhist holy day of the year, marking the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha. In a separate report, it said Min Aung Hlaing had commuted the death sentences of 38 prisoners to life in prison.

The prisoner releases began Wednesday but may take a few days to be completed. The identities of those released were not immediately available, but do not include Suu Kyi, who is serving a 33-year sentence on charges her supporters say were trumped up by the military.

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Dozens arrested in raid on Italian crime syndicate

BERLIN — Police across Europe arrested dozens of people, raided homes, and seized millions of euros in assets on Wednesday, in a coordinated crackdown on Italy's organized crime syndicate, one of the world's most powerful, extensive, and wealthy drug-trafficking groups.

The operation, coordinated by European Union judicial cooperation agency Eurojust, aimed to dismantle a network that includes the Italian n'drangheta organization, Colombian drug producers, and paramilitary groups, and moves tons of cocaine to Europe and Australia each year.

The investigation uncovered how these networks used ports in Ecuador, Panama, and Brazil to ship the Colombian drugs to northern European ports while also dealing in weapons. The drug proceeds were then laundered through restaurants, ice cream shops, and car washes, with the money sent back to Colombian drug producers via a Chinese wire transfer service, according to Italian officials and a Carabinieri press release.

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Floods, landslides kill more than 120 in Rwanda

KIGALI, Rwanda — More than 120 people were killed in devastating floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in Rwanda, the government said Wednesday, the highest death toll from a flood reported in a single day in the country's recent history.

Entire families were killed, injured, or left homeless and in desperate need of assistance.

The rains started Tuesday, but residents said some people were still trapped in their homes Wednesday, suggesting the number of deaths could rise. Officials also warned that more homes could fall down.

Most of the casualties were recorded in the west and north of Rwanda, but some damage was also reported in the south. The districts of Ngororero, Rubavu, Nyabihu, Rutsiro, and Karongi, in the northwest, were among the hardest-hit, the Rwandan government said.

Videos showed swollen rivers of mud streaming through villages and alongside houses, and landslides of mud and rocks racing down hillsides into roads, homes and infrastructure.

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Israeli airstrikes on Gaza Strip kill Palestinian man

Both sides signal desire to avoid a wider conflict

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JERUSALEM — Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip killed a 58-year-old man and wounded five others on Wednesday, Palestinian health officials said, even as the latest spasm of violence between Israel and Palestinian militants in the enclave appeared to ebb.

Israeli fighter jets struck targets in Gaza in response to salvos of rockets launched by Palestinian militants at Israeli territory on Tuesday. But after sunrise, the violence seemed to subside as both sides signaled they wanted to avoid a wider conflict.

The exchange erupted when a prominent Palestinian detainee died in Israeli custody after an 87-day hunger strike. The death of Khader Adnan, 45, a leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group credited with popularizing hunger strikes as an effective form of activism, reverberated across the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where he is revered as a national hero.

Protests erupted at Israeli military checkpoints and a general strike shuttered stores across the territories. Palestinians and rights groups have blamed Israel for his death, accusing prison authorities of medical negligence.

London-based Amnesty International on Wednesday described Adnan's treatment in Israeli prison as "inhumane" and "degrading," citing a doctor who visited his cell and said authorities rebuffed his requests for medical attention. Israel's prison service claims Adnan refused medical treatment until it was too late.

Palestinian militants in Gaza fired 100 rockets into southern Israel late Tuesday, seriously wounding a foreign worker at a construction site. The Israeli military said its warplanes struck tunnels, arms production sites and military installations belonging to the ruling Hamas militant group in Gaza.

The Israeli strikes sent shrapnel slicing through the house of 58-year-old Hashil Mubarak in Gaza City, his son Hatem said. As their roof collapsed, shards of metal struck Mubarak's chest, killing him, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. Mubarak was rushed to the hospital and could not be resuscitated.

"We were sleeping at home safe and sound when we heard a giant explosion from a missile," Hatem recalled as mourners filled his neighborhood mosque and took turns bending down to kiss his father's forehead.

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Palestinian mourners chanted Islamic slogans during the funeral of Hashil Mubarak in front of a mosque in Gaza City on Wednesday.

"He was martyred," he said.

After a quiet few hours, the Israeli military announced that residents in southern towns no longer needed to remain close to bomb shelters. Hamas spokesman Hazem Qasem thanked Palestinian militants for "confronting Israeli aggression and concluding the round of the conflict."

The UN's envoy to the Mideast, Tor Wennesland, said he welcomed "the restoration of calm" after a violent 12 hours. "Had our efforts failed, we would risk being in the midst of another deadly escalation," he said.

However, Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir lambasted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over what he described as a weak response to the rocket fire from Gaza.

Ultranationalist lawmakers in Netanyahu's coalition, including Ben-Gvir, won a record number of seats in the general election in November, after campaigning on a pledge to reduce terrorist threats and take a hard line against the Palestinians. The latest rocket attacks have already heightened calls from the politicians' right-wing supporters to make good on their promises.

Ben-Gvir's party, called Jewish Power, announced its members would boycott all parliament voting on Wednesday in protest.

Netanyahu hit back at Ben-Gvir, saying that only the prime minister, defense minister, and security forces are tasked with handling "the sensitive and complex security events" in Israel.

"If this is not acceptable to Minister Ben-Gvir, he does not have to stay in the government," Netanyahu's Likud party said in a statement.

The spike in violence comes at a time of heightened tensions in the occupied West Bank under Israel's most right-wing government in history. On Wednesday, Israeli security forces demolished the family houses of two Palestinians who carried out deadly attacks against Israelis last fall.

Israel defends its decades-old policy of leveling family homes of attackers as a deterrent. The practice has long drawn criticism from human rights groups that call it collective punishment, forbidden by international law. Some also question its effectiveness in preventing future attacks, saying such demolitions only exacerbate tensions and fuel hatred in Palestinian communities.

French constitutional body rejects lawmakers' bid to stop new pension law

PARIS — France's top constitutional body rejected on Wednesday a last-ditch effort by opposition lawmakers to undo President Emmanuel Macron's law to raise the retirement age to 64, deeming that a proposed bill didn't meet the necessary criteria.

It was the second time that the Constitutional Council has rejected a plan to restore the retirement age to 62. Had it passed muster, the process called for would be long and wouldn't stop Macron's law from taking effect. The council ruled that the proposed legislation didn't satisfy conditions set out in the Constitution.

Opposition lawmakers, mainly from the left, wanted to launch a complex process in hopes of rejecting Macron's unpopular pension law, which was enacted last month.

The Constitutional Council's role was to assess whether the opposition's request met the legal conditions for a potential referendum. Had it been accepted, supporters would have had nine months to collect signatures from at least 4.8 million, or 10 percent, of French voters.

Macron's government would then have been able to choose between sending the opposition's text to parliament for debate and eventually a vote, or waiting for six months to put the measure before voters in a referendum.

The Constitutional Council rejected a similar proposal in April. The authors revised the measure to add language stating that a change in the financing of the pension system is needed. The process, established in 2015, has never led to a referendum.

A favorable ruling wouldn't have suspended the law that Macron's government pushed through by using a special constitutional power to raise the retirement age without a final parliamentary vote.

Macron has defended the reform, saying it's needed to keep the pension system afloat as the population ages.

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Police raid Bolsonaro home in fake vaccine cards case

Ex-Brazil leader, aides face inquiry over travel to US

By Flávia Milhorance and Ana Ionova
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RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazilian police raided the home of former president Jair Bolsonaro on Wednesday and seized his cellphone as part of a sweeping investigation into forged COVID-19 vaccination records that may have allowed him and his top aides to gain entry into the United States.

Authorities searched more than a dozen homes in Rio de Janeiro and Brasília, arresting six people, including one of Bolsonaro's closest aides and two of his security guards, who are suspected of tampering with a government vaccination database and issuing falsified records.

The forged vaccine cards may have allowed Bolsonaro and his aides to sidestep US travel restrictions put in place at the height of the coronavirus pandemic, investigators said.

False vaccine certificates may have been issued for Bolsonaro, his 12-year-old daughter, Laura, and other top officials in his administration, according to Brazilian authorities. Police said the vaccination records were forged between November 2021 and December 2022.

On Wednesday, Bolsonaro denied ever claiming he had been vaccinated and said US authorities had never asked him to show a vaccination record.

"At no time did I say that I took the vaccine, and I didn't," Bolsonaro told reporters in front of his residence in Brasília after handing over his mobile phone to police. He said that deciding not to take the vaccine was a "personal decision," and he confirmed that his daughter had not been vaccinated either.

Bolsonaro was named as a suspect in the investigation, according to documents released by Brazil's Supreme Court on Wednesday. The Supreme Court said in a decision approving the searches that the investigative connection between the president and a possible crime is "plausible, logical, and robust."

During his time as Brazil's right-wing president, Bolsonaro, a staunch critic of COVID shots, consistently dodged questions about whether he was vaccinated against the virus. His vaccination status became such a controversy that, in 2021, Congress placed a centurylong seal of secrecy on his vaccination records.

Bolsonaro traveled to the United States at least four times during the pandemic, including in September 2021, when he took a delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in New York. During the trip, he posted a photo of himself and his entourage eating pizza outdoors, setting off speculation over whether the group had been barred from dining indoors because of COVID restrictions.

Bolsonaro was heavily criticized for stalling the purchase of COVID vaccines and for frequently spreading misinformation about them. At one point, he claimed that the jabs could turn Brazilians into crocodiles.

A Brazilian congressional investigation concluded that Bolsonaro should be charged with "crimes against humanity" for his handling of the pandemic, which killed 700,000 people in Brazil. Prosecutors have not pursued those charges.

Police were expected to question Bolsonaro about the falsified vaccination records later Wednesday. Among those arrested Wednesday was Mauro Cid Barbosa, a military official who was Bolsonaro's secretary and adviser.

Following the raid on his home, the normally brash Bolsonaro appeared solemn as he spoke on a right-wing television program. "During my visits to the US, not at any moment was a vaccination card required," he said. "So there was no fraud on my part. " At times he appeared to tear up during the interview.

President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva seized on Bolsonaro's mishandling of the pandemic during last year's election, which he narrowly won. Vowing to lift the veil of secrecy, Lula has began reviewing hundreds of confidentiality seals put in place during Bolsonaro's time in office.

"I'm going to let Brazilians know why you hide so much stuff," Lula told Bolsonaro during a debate last year.

Separately, Bolsonaro faces a series of investigations, including one for spreading election misinformation and for inspiring the Jan. 8 invasion of Brazil's Congress, Supreme Court, and presidential offices.

Ukraine denies trying to kill Putin with drone attack

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power would be an audacious move by Ukraine, with the potential for serious repercussions.

There were no reports of serious damage, and the Russian government said that during the predawn incident, Putin was not in the Kremlin, where he is not thought to spend many nights.

It is not clear from the videos whether the objects detonated on their own or were destroyed by Russian forces.

On Wednesday, US intelligence agencies were still trying to determine what happened, according to two US officials briefed on the situation. "We simply don't know," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said at a public event at The Washington Post, adding, "I would take anything coming out of the Kremlin with a very large shaker of salt."

US officials have in the past voiced concern that Ukrainian attacks on Russian soil could provoke Moscow without having a direct effect on the battlefield — one reason Washington has withheld from Ukraine weapons that could be used to strike deep into Russia. But on Wednesday Blinken said of such attacks, "These are decisions for Ukraine to make about how it's going to defend itself."

Whatever the drones' provenance, it was clear that the Kremlin had made an unusually deliberate choice to publicize the incident — Putin's press service issued a rare, five-paragraph statement. The government had far less to say publicly about previous apparent attacks inside Russia, and until the Kremlin's statement, reports on social media of explosive sounds in central Moscow early Wednesday had attracted little attention.

Whoever was responsible, the explosions at the Kremlin could serve as a pretext for Putin to escalate the war in some way, like striking key government buildings in Kyiv and trying to decapitate the Ukrainian government. He and other Kremlin officials have hinted repeatedly at the possibility of using nuclear weapons, and Russian hawks have called for broader conscription to expand the military ranks.

"We will demand the use of weapons capable of stopping and destroying the Kyiv terrorist regime," said Vyacheslav Volodin, the chair of Russia's lower house of Parliament. The Kremlin's statement said Russia reserved the right for "retaliatory measures where and when it sees fit."

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, suggested in a statement to the Times that Russia would use the incident to justify a "large-scale terrorist provocation" against Ukraine in the coming days.

If the drone incident was indeed a deliberate attack, the ability to penetrate central Moscow would represent the latest embarrassing failure by a Russian military that has struggled throughout the 14-month war.

The explosions in Moscow occurred as Kyiv is readying tens of thousands of soldiers for its counteroffensive to retake territory in eastern and southern Ukraine that was seized by Russia, and stepping up strikes behind the front lines aimed at weakening Russian forces.

Explosions hit targets in and near Russian-occupied Crimea overnight, including a border guard post and a fuel depot. Although Ukraine did not claim responsibility, its military intelligence spokesperson, Andriy Chernyak, said in a statement, "Of course, the enemy must be cut off from Crimea." Twice this week, explosions have derailed trains in the Bryansk region neighboring Ukraine.

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Moscow's Red Square was closed off on Wednesday amid preparations for a Victory Parade.

Russia has stepped up strikes in and around the city of Kherson, retaken by Ukrainian forces last fall, where officials said 21 people were killed. Officials imposed a 58-hour curfew there, beginning Friday night.

Ukraine has largely maintained a policy of deliberate ambiguity over whether it has played a role in attacks inside Russia, although privately Ukrainian officials have acknowledged carrying out a bombing that badly damaged the Kerch Strait bridge, a vital supply route to Crimea, in October, and attacks on Russian air bases in December using Soviet-era, jet-powered drones.

Last August, a car bombing outside Moscow killed Daria Dugina, a pro-war commentator and daughter of Alexander Dugin, a leading Russian ultranationalist ideologue, who was thought to be the actual target of the attack. US intelligence agencies concluded that parts of the Ukrainian government ordered the assault, which Kyiv denied.

In this case, Zelensky directly denied responsibility. "We don't attack Putin or Moscow," he told Nordic broadcaster TV2 during a visit to Finland. "We fight on our territory. We're defending our villages and cities. We don't have enough weapons for these." Dealing with Putin, he added, would be left to an international war crimes tribunal.

At a news conference with Nordic leaders, Zelensky said that because Russia "has no victories to report," Putin needs to "do some unexpected moves like surprise drone attacks" to bolster Russian resolve.

The sprawling red fortress of the Kremlin contains several buildings, including the yellow, domed Senate Palace, which was visible in video footage showing what appears to be a drone exploding. Inside that palace are the president's official residence and his main office.

Drones have been banned from flying over the Kremlin and the surrounding area in recent years, and security officers deploy special devices to down any drones in the vicinity and sometimes close off public access to areas adjacent to the complex.

But it is unclear how much time Putin actually spends in the Kremlin, which he appears to use more for ceremonial occasions than as a practical workplace or residence. In March, he disclosed to reporters in Moscow that "I have an apartment here, where I have been spending a lot of time lately, working, spending nights very often" — a rare instance of his discussing his living arrangements publicly.

The government also goes to considerable lengths to disguise his location.

The Russian president has established identical offices in multiple locations, all furnished and decorated the same in every detail, including matching desks and wall hangings, according to Gleb Karakulov, a former captain in his protective service who defected last year. Official reports have sometimes described him as being in one place when he was actually somewhere else, Karakulov told a London-based opposition news outlet, the Dossier Center.

Putin's spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters that at the time of the explosions Wednesday, Putin was at his sprawling compound in the elite suburb of Novo-Ogaryovo, along the Moscow River. Russian news media reports have suggested that, since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, he has spent much of his time there or at another spread northeast of Moscow, near Lake Valdai.

Peskov declined to say when the president would return to the Kremlin, telling a state-run news agency, "We'll let you know in due time."

With Russia's war, the 'peace dividend' is over for Europe

Hard tradeoffs as nations increase defense spending

By Patricia Cohen and Liz Alderman
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In the 30 years since the Iron Curtain came crashing down, trillions of dollars that had been dedicated to Cold War armies and weapons systems were gradually diverted to health care, housing, and schools.

That era — when security took a back seat to trade and economic growth — abruptly ended with Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year.

"The peace dividend is gone," Kristalina Georgieva, the head of the International Monetary Fund, recently declared, referring to the mountains of cash that were freed up when military budgets shrank. "Defense expenditures have to go up."

The urgent need to combat a brutal and unpredictable Russia has forced European leaders to make excruciating budgetary decisions that will enormously affect people's everyday lives. Do they spend more on howitzers or hospitals, tanks or teachers, rockets or roadways? And how to pay for it: raise taxes or borrow more? Or both?

The sudden security demands, which will last well beyond an end to the war in Ukraine, come at a moment when colossal outlays are also needed to care for rapidly aging populations, as well as to avoid potentially disastrous climate change. The European Union's ambitious goal to be carbon neutral by 2050 alone is estimated to cost between $175 billion and $250 billion each year for the next 27 years.

"The spending pressures on Europe will be huge, and that's not even taking into account the green transition," said Kenneth Rogoff, an economics professor at Harvard. "The whole European social safety net is very vulnerable to these big needs."

Before war broke out in Ukraine, military spending by the European members of NATO was expected to reach nearly $1.8 trillion by 2026, a 14 percent increase over five years, according to research by McKinsey & Co. Now, spending is estimated to rise between 53 percent and 65 percent.

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A Polish military policeman watched as tanks operated by Ukrainian soldiers took part in an exercise in Swietoszow,

That means hundreds of billions of dollars that otherwise could have been used to, say, invest in bridge and highway repairs, child care, cancer research, refugee resettlement, or public orchestras is expected to be redirected to the military.

Last week, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute reported that military spending in Europe last year had its biggest annual rise in three decades. And the spendathon is just beginning.

On Wednesday, the European Union announced a plan to upgrade and expand weapons production, and provide 500 million euros ($551 million) to manufacturers. While the proposal seeks to ramp up weapons production for European militaries, it could help the bloc's members meet a deadline to deliver 1 million rounds of ammunition to Ukraine this year, said Thierry Breton, the European Union's trade commissioner.

Poland has pledged to spend 4 percent of its national output on defense. The German defense minister has asked for an additional $11 billion next year, a 20 percent increase in military spending. President Emmanuel Macron of France has promised to lift military spending by more than a third through 2030.

Debates over priorities are playing out in capitals across the region — even if the tradeoffs are not explicitly mentioned.

In Britain, on the same day in March that the government unveiled a budget that included a $6.25 billion bump in military spending, teachers, doctors, and transport workers joined strikes over pay and working conditions. It was just one in a series of walkouts by public workers who complained that underfunding, double-digit inflation, and the pandemic's aftermath have crippled essential services like health care, transportation, and education. The budget included a $4.1 billion increase for the National Health Service over the same two-year period.

Romania, which has been running up its public debt over the years, has pledged to lift military spending this year by 0.5 percent of national output. And this month it agreed to buy an undisclosed number of F-35 fighter jets, which have a list price of $80 million apiece. While the increase will enable the country to hit NATO's budget target, it will undercut efforts to meet the debt limits set by the European Union.

The shift in government spending is perhaps most striking in Germany, where defense outlays plunged after the reunification of the former East and West German nations in 1990.

"Defense was always the place to save, because it was not very popular," said Hubertus Bardt, the managing director of the Institute of the German Economy.

Germany, the largest economy in Europe, has consistently devoted less money to the military as a percentage of gross domestic output than either France or Britain. It's a "historic turning point," German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said when he announced a special $112 billion defense fund last year. Yet that money did not include spending for ammunition. And when the fund is depleted, Germany will need to find an additional $38 billion to level up with its NATO partners.

Bikini Atoll leaders blew through $59m trust fund

Once home to 167, the land is now radioactive

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The money from the resettlement fund to support displaced Bikinians is nearly gone, and the community is in crisis.

By Pete McKenzie
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The golden sand of Bikini Atoll is laced with plutonium. The freshwater is poisoned with strontium. The coconut crabs contain hazardous levels of cesium.

In the 1940s and '50s, the US government used this coral reef, in the Pacific nation of the Marshall Islands, for testing nuclear weapons. Radioactive residue has left Bikini uninhabitable to this day, forcing those whose families once lived on the atoll into exile on a handful of other Marshallese islands and in the United States.

Recognizing the damage its testing caused, the US government established two trust funds in the 1980s to help pay for Bikinians' health care, build housing, and cover living costs. In 2017, after a campaign by Bikini leaders for greater autonomy, the Trump administration announced that the government would lift withdrawal limits and stop auditing the main fund, then worth $59 million.

Six years later, only about $100,000 remains, and the Bikini community is in crisis.

Anderson Jibas, the mayor of the council that oversees the displaced Bikinians, made a series of questionable purchases on Bikini's behalf, including of a large plot of land in Hawaii and a fleet of new vehicles. He defended some of the purchases as investments against climate change, as necessary to support isolated Bikinians, and as attempts at revenue-generating projects.

Jibas has also acknowledged using trust fund money for personal expenses and has been accused by a top Marshall Islands official of receiving kickbacks from an investment manager — a charge Jibas denies.

With the fund virtually depleted, the council's roughly 350 employees are no longer being paid. Monthly payments of about $150 each to the community's 6,800 members — a vital lifeline that helped cover food and rent among a population with high rates of poverty — have ceased.

The emergency highlights the lasting consequences of decades of US nuclear testing in the Pacific, including lingering questions about the American commitment to address that legacy, an undertaking made more difficult by pervasive fraud and mismanagement in the region.

"It's a disaster," said Tommy Jibok, a former member of the Bikini council.

In 1946, the United States relocated the 167 inhabitants of Bikini to clear the way for nuclear tests that it said would "end all world wars." It then left them virtually alone on a small, desolate island, where many nearly starved. In 1948, the islanders were moved again.

Over 12 years, the United States tested 23 nuclear bombs in Bikini. In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson announced that the Bikinians would return home. But after scientists found that radiation levels remained dangerously high, the United States in 1978 evacuated the almost 150 people who had chosen to go back. The Marshall Islands gained independence from the United States the next year.

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‘Access Hollywood’ video played at Trump trial

NEW YORK — The infamous “Access Hollywood” video in which Donald Trump bragged about grabbing women sexually without asking was played Wednesday for a jury considering columnist E. Jean Carroll’s claims that he raped her two decades before he became president.

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Before the video was shown, Trump’s legal team said it would not call any witnesses in the case, raising the possibility that jurors could begin deliberations next week.

The 2005 video was played in Manhattan federal court, along with excerpts of Trump’s videotaped deposition. The videos were presented to jurors on the same day that onetime People magazine writer Natasha Stoynoff testified Trump forcibly kissed her against her will while showing her around his Florida home for a 2005 article about the first anniversary of his marriage to Melania Trump.

Trump lawyers unsuccessfully challenged the video, which was made public just weeks before the 2016 presidential election, and Stoynoff’s testimony before the start of the trial.

“The horrifying part to me was that I worried, because I didn’t say anything at the time, other women were hurt by him so I had to regret,” she said.

Stoynoff became emotional as soon as the subject was raised of her December 2005 trip to interview Trump and Melania at the Mar-a-Lago mansion in Palm Beach, Fla., where she said Trump cornered her alone in a room and began kissing her after saying he wanted to show her a great room.

She grabbed a tissue as she began describing the encounter that she said lasted several minutes.

“I tried to push him away,” Stoynoff said. She said she did not recall anything she had said to prompt the attack, and she did not recall anything Trump said either.

“He came toward me again, and I tried to shove him again. He was kissing me and, you know, was against me,” she recalled.

She said she was “flustered and shocked” but unable to speak and did not scream. “No words came out of me.”

The encounter ended, Stoynoff said, when a butler entered the room and “he stopped doing what he was doing.”

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RALLY FOR DETAINEES — Melanie Berry (right) comforted her daughter Claire Berry as her son Ryan Berry (left) watched, after they spoke at a rally outside the White House on Wednesday, asking the Biden administration to help free hostages and detainees. The Berrys are the family of Airan Berry, who is detained in Venezuela.

Trump has denied that he ever tried to kiss Stoynoff.

Trump, who has denied ever knowing Carroll, has not attended the trial, and his lawyers say they will call no witnesses after lawyers for Carroll rest, which was expected to occur Thursday.

Trump lawyer Joseph Tacopina said Trump’s legal team decided not to put on a defense case after learning that health issues would prevent their expert witness, a psychiatrist, from testifying.

Judge Lewis A. Kaplan said closing arguments were likely to happen Monday, and the jury would get the case on Tuesday.

For 17 years, Carroll did not speak publicly about her Trump claims. But in a 2019 memoir, she described how a sometimes flirtatious chance encounter with Trump at the store in spring 1996 ended with violence when Trump cornered her in a dressing room after they challenged each other to try on a piece of lingerie.

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CNN and Trump put aside beef for town hall

Donald Trump has spent the better part of the past seven years badmouthing CNN, attacking its reporters as “enemies of the people,” and calling its reporting “fake news.” He once tried banning one of its journalists from the White House. He routinely mocks its eroding ratings.

Yet on Monday, CNN offered to put Trump on the air live for an hour in prime time — and Trump accepted.

Proving that bygones can be bygones, CNN lined up Trump for its first "town hall" telecast of the 2024 presidential campaign. The twice-impeached, once-indicted former president will take questions from Republican and independent voters in a CNN-produced event next Wednesday in New Hampshire, the state that will hold the first Republican primary next year.

The announcement drew expressions of surprise and shock, aimed at both CNN and Trump. Some critics of CNN took to social media to suggest a boycott of the network.

Norman Ornstein, a political scholar, put it this way: CNN’s invitation to Trump "legitimizes a man under indictment, currently on trial, with more indictments to come, who incited a violent insurrection against the country and its constitution and democracy."

For Trump, he said, the invitation is "a godsend — a network he hates bowing down to him and giving him attention and airtime."

CNN says it’s just doing what it has always done during presidential election cycles.

"CNN goes all in on covering the presidential campaign and a key piece of that is town halls with the candidates," said David Chalian, the network’s political director, in an interview.

WASHINGTON POST

Prosecutors near decision on Hunter Biden charges

Prosecutors are nearing a decision on whether to charge President Biden’s son Hunter with tax- and gun-related violations, according to people familiar with the matter, the culmination of a four-year investigation that Republicans have sought to portray as evidence the Biden family is corrupt.

Hunter Biden’s attorneys met at Justice Department headquarters in downtown Washington last week to discuss the case with US Attorney David Weiss of Delaware, according to the people familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing criminal investigation. Typically, that sort of meeting — in which defense lawyers urge prosecutors not to seek an indictment of their client, or to seek reduced charges — comes toward the end of an investigation.

The people familiar with the matter said Weiss is nearing the end of his decision-making process, although they offered no specific timetable. They cautioned that the probe has taken longer than some officials thought it would, frustrating some law enforcement officials, and conceivably could slow down again before a decision has been reached.

Any decision could have a significant impact on President Biden, who just launched his reelection campaign, bringing national attention to a sensitive topic that aides often struggle to broach with the president. Republicans seeking to win back the White House have sought to tie Hunter Biden’s legal woes directly to his father.

WASHINGTON POST

Former FBI agent charged over Jan. 6

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors have charged a former FBI agent with illegally entering the Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot and said he had called police officers Nazis as he encouraged a mob of Trump loyalists to kill them.

The former agent, Jared L. Wise, was arrested Monday and faces four misdemeanor counts, including disrupting the orderly conduct of government and trespassing, after agents received a tip in January 2022 that he had been inside the Capitol, according to a criminal complaint.

Wise, 50, told the police they were like the Gestapo, Nazi Germany’s feared secret police, the complaint said. When violence erupted, he shouted in the direction of rioters attacking the law enforcement officers, “Kill ‘em! Kill ‘em! Kill ‘em!”

Over the past two years, scores of rioters with military experience have been arrested in connection with the Capitol attack. But Wise is the rare former federal agent to have been charged.

NEW YORK TIMES

Fla. bills to restrict press protections shelved

Legislation that would have sharply curbed press protections in Florida has stalled in the state’s Legislature and won’t face a vote this year — a rare example of forces on the right thwarting a piece of Governor Ron DeSantis’ agenda.

The bills, introduced in February, proposed sweeping changes to laws that shield media outlets from liability in defamation cases and sought to make it easier for private citizens to file libel suits. DeSantis has been outspoken in advocating for laws he says would “hold these big media companies accountable.”

But DeSantis, a Republican typically known for having his finger on the pulse of the right, appears to have misjudged the issue. In addition to opposition from news outlets and free-speech groups, the legislation faced a wave of resistance from his allies, including right-wing media outlets, Christian organizations, and business groups. They argued that the legislation would harm all news media.

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Again, Fed hikes key rate as it continues to focus on inflation

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Fed Chair Jerome Powell reiterated the central bank’s commitment to bringing down inflation.

“My colleagues and I understand the hardship that high inflation is causing and we remain committed to bringing inflation back down to our 2 percent goal,” he said. The rate increases are having an impact, particularly on home sales given higher mortgage rates, Powell said, but it will take more time to see the full effects.

Fed officials voted unanimously for Wednesday’s rate increase. Powell said some members talked about a pause in the hikes going forward but no decision was made about that issue.

“There’s a sense that we’re much closer to the end of this than to the beginning,” he said of the cycle of rate hikes that began in March 2022. “We feel like we’re getting close or maybe even there, but then again that’s going to be an ongoing assessment.”

Still, Oxford Economics, a global forecasting and analysis firm, said the Fed sent a “clear signal” that it won’t be raising the rate again at its next meeting in June.

“A pause in June would buy the Fed time to gauge how the recent stress in the banking system will weigh on the economy via tighter lending standards, which creates uncertainty in the outlook for growth and inflation,” Oxford said in an e-mail to its clients.

Major stock indexes turned negative Wednesday afternoon after Powell said he did not foresee any rate cuts in the near future as inflation will take time to get back to normal.

The Fed’s interest rate was near zero in March 2022 when Fed officials began aggressively hiking it to curb fast-rising prices amid criticism they had initially dismissed higher inflation as only a temporary reaction to reopening the economy after pandemic shutdowns. The consumer price index hit a 9.1 percent annual rate last June, the highest in more than four decades.

Banks use the Fed interest rate to set borrowing costs for consumer and business loans. Higher interest rates have led to reduced consumer demand, helping lower inflation in recent months. The consumer price index was down to a 5 percent annual rate in March and the Fed’s preferred inflation metric was a bit lower at 4.6 percent, although still more than double the central bank’s target of 2 percent a year.

Rising interest rates also have hit the economy more broadly. Since Fed officials last met in March, the government reported that US economic growth slowed significantly in the first quarter of the year. The nation’s total output, known as gross domestic product, grew at a weak 1.1 percent annual rate from January through March, down from 2.6 percent in the previous quarter.

A recession is generally when the economy contracts for two consecutive quarters, although there are other factors in making an official declaration. Many economists expect the United States to fall into a recession this year.

Job growth also has been slowing in recent months, although it has remained solid and the unemployment rate was a historically low 3.5 percent in March. The Labor Department will release the April jobs data on Friday. A key report on private-sector employment from payroll processing firm ADP on Wednesday showed strong growth last month, with 296,000 jobs added.

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“My colleagues and I understand the hardship that high inflation is causing and we remain committed to bringing inflation back down to our 2 percent goal,” Fed Chair Jerome Powell said.

On top of that, recent regional bank failures — including the collapse and sale of First Republic Bank over the weekend — have roiled financial markets and caused lenders to be more cautious.

Powell declared that the US banking system “is sound and resilient” and that conditions in that sector have improved since the failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank in March. The Fed released a report last week criticizing its own oversight of Silicon Valley Bank and Powell said, “We’re committed to learning the right lessons from this episode and we’ll work to prevent events like these from happening again.”

More market turmoil could be coming. The White House and congressional Republicans remain at a stalemate over raising the nation’s debt limit as Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen warned this week that a first-ever government default is possible as soon as June 1 if the limit is not raised.

“Everything the Fed looks at, to me, is saying loudly, ‘stop’ ” raising interest rates, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics, an economics research and consulting firm. “Inflation is moderating. The economy is slowing. We’ve got a banking crisis that required a full government backstop to quell . . . and now you have the debt limit thrown in the mix.”

Those swirling economic risks led Senator Elizabeth Warren, a Massachusetts Democrat, and nine other progressive lawmakers to write to Powell on Monday urging the Fed not to hike the rate at this week’s meeting.

“While the labor market has remained resilient to the Fed’s aggressive interest rate hikes and inflation is down from its peak last year, recent turmoil in the banking system following the failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank and the lagging impacts of the Fed’s earlier rate hikes leave our economy even more vulnerable to an overreaction by the Fed,” they wrote.

Warren, a frequent critic of Powell, said on CNBC after the Fed announcement that, “I just think it’s the wrong direction.”

The Fed’s staff forecast in March that the country would have a mild recession this year, according to minutes of that meeting. Powell said he did not necessarily agree, but quickly noted he was not completely ruling out the possibility of a recession.

“The case [for] avoiding a recession is, in my view, more likely than that of having a recession,” he said, noting that job growth has been slowing so far without a rise in unemployment.

Powell was clear on the threat to the economy if Congress does not raise the debt limit.

“No one should assume that the Fed can protect the economy from the potential short-and long-term effects of a failure to pay our bills on time,” he said.

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For breast cancer survivors, hope on pregnancy

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figure out something else' " for having children, said Dr. Ann Partridge, vice chair of medical oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and lead author of the study.

The new findings, Partridge said, give women facing the dilemma vital information that helps them "live their lives, and for many to have a biological child . . . an important consideration."

Among Partridge's patients is Shayla Johnson, a 41-year-old Freetown resident who participated in the study. Johnson at 34 was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer and an inherited gene mutation that raises her risk for the breast cancer recurring, as well as for ovarian and other cancers.

"We were planning to start a family when I was diagnosed," Johnson said. "That put quite a hold on our plans."

Johnson had a double mastectomy, eight rounds of chemotherapy, a short break, and then enrolled in the study in 2017 as she started hormone-suppression therapy for two years.

In the summer of 2019, she paused the hormone therapy, took the specified three months to let the medication wash out of her system, and went on her break, attempting to get pregnant.

It wasn't easy. She had frozen her eggs to protect them during chemotherapy and needed four rounds of in vitro fertilization, which were interrupted for several anxious months early in the pandemic when all nonessential health services were shut down.

And then, success. Ronin was born Jan. 6, 2022, at 9 pounds, 11 ounces and healthy.

"After so many rounds [of in vitro], I was almost done, but I figured I went through so many things in my life, I kept pushing," Johnson said. "Being a mother was the most important thing for me, and I couldn't imagine my life without my son."

The study included 516 patients at 116 centers across 20 countries on four continents. The women ranged in age from 27 to 43 with a median age of 37. Women were eligible if they had had stage one, two, or three hormone receptor–positive breast cancer; had received hormone therapy for at least 18 months and for no more than 30 months; and wished to temporarily discontinue therapy to attempt pregnancy.

Nineteen women did not continue in the study, but among the remaining 497, 368 (74 percent) had at least one pregnancy and 317 (63.8 percent) had at least one live birth. In total, 365 babies were born.

The researchers tracked the women after their pregnancy break for a median stretch of 41 months, and 44 of them, or 8.9 percent, developed another incidence of breast cancer. But that number was essentially the same as the total recorded in a control group of women who were similar to those in the study — similar ages, tumor sizes, height and weight — but who did not stop their hormone therapy to take a pregnancy break.

"Now if a patient asks me about this [stopping therapy to get pregnant], I have a good study, that was well done, and I can show them the data," said Dr. Patricia Ganz, associate director for population science research at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA.

Ganz, who was not involved in the study, has spent 30 years researching outcomes for breast cancer patients.

"These kinds of studies become the educating and decision-making tool I can use with patients," she said. "This informs the discussion because we had no data before."

An editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine that accompanied the study concluded, "Physicians should now incorporate these positive data into their shared decision-making process with patients."

Dr. Susan Domchek, a breast cancer specialist at Abramson Cancer Center and executive director of the Basser Center for BRCA at Penn Medicine, said the discussion about pregnancy comes up often among the many young women with breast cancer she has cared for.

She described the study's findings as "a gift we can give our patients."

But Domchek, who also was not involved in the study, said the findings are by no means "a green light" that says pausing hormone therapy is risk free, noting the 44 cases of recurrent breast cancer.

"I have patients and their number one goal is achieving a pregnancy," she said. "They may look at these numbers and say, 'Great, I will take that risk.' Others may not want to take a chance of being pregnant and having a recurrence, and that's a whole other kettle of fish."

The study found that most women who took the temporary pregnancy break did resume the hormone therapy afterward, though roughly 15 percent of the patients who had been expected to resume therapy had not done so by four years after interrupting the treatment.

Ganz said the side effects of hormone therapy, which include hot flashes, sweats, insomnia, vaginal dryness, and muscular and joint aches and pains, can be so unpleasant that many women stop taking the medication.

But Partridge and her colleagues in the hormone therapy study intend to continue following the women, because breast cancer recurrences are reported up to 20 years after diagnosis among patients with hormone receptor–positive cancer. The planned follow-up will be at 10 years.

Johnson, who had delayed resuming her hormone therapy while she considered, and then decided against, having a second child, is planning to start back up soon for the recommended three additional years.

But she admits she has been dragging her feet because of the side effects.

"I have been through stuff my whole life, and cancer was the hardest," she said. "But the reward of being Ronin's mother is so great."

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Shayla Johnson had frozen her eggs to protect them during chemotherapy and needed four rounds of in vitro fertilization.

Study: More US women avoiding unwanted pregnancies

By Claire Cain Miller
NEW YORK TIMES

Births and pregnancies in the United States have been on a long-term decline. A new data analysis provides one reason: It's becoming less common for women to get pregnant when they don't want to be.

The analysis, released Thursday in the journal Demography by researchers at the Guttmacher Institute, estimates the number of pregnancies in the United States — there is no single official count — and examines women's feelings about the timing of their pregnancies. In the past, most demography surveys have asked if pregnancies were intended or not, but that approach missed nuances such as whether a woman was ambivalent about being pregnant — or wanted to be pregnant, but earlier or later.

The new analysis, covering 2009 to 2015, found that a growing majority of women said their pregnancies came at the right time. It uncovered a decline in the share of pregnancies that women didn't want or that happened too soon, a shift driven by young women.

It also found that a significant and increasing share of women — particularly those 35 and older — said they were getting pregnant later than they wanted.

"This just bolsters that idea that people have more control over their reproduction, especially in earlier ages," said Alison Gemmill, a demographer and public health researcher at Johns Hopkins who studies reproductive health and was not involved in the new study.

It also reflects, she said, "a change in people's ideals about when to have kids and norms around the ideal time — when we're settled, when I have my career established."

The new numbers are one of the clearest indicators that the drop in fertility during the Great Recession was not just a temporary delay, as often happens in recessions. Instead, it seems to have coincided with a broader shift in what women wanted, and increased access to contraception.

The analysis combined reports and surveys from the National Center for Health Statistics; abortion data from Guttmacher, and estimates of total pregnancies and miscarriages.

The data are from before two seismic events that affected fertility: the pandemic, followed by the Dobbs decision that ended the nationwide right to abortion. It's unclear what long-term changes those will bring. There is early evidence that at the beginning of the pandemic, many people delayed getting pregnant. There could also be an increase in the share of unwanted or mistimed births in states with new abortion bans.

The United States has long had one of the highest rates of unintended pregnancy in the industrialized world. It has declined 23 percent in the last three decades, and 46 percent of pregnancies are now unintended. In Western Europe, by comparison, 36 percent are unintended, and the rate has not changed much.

The new analysis suggests that during the period of the study, American women rapidly gained more autonomy over their family planning and had fewer abortions because of it.

The data indicate that "far fewer individuals were becoming pregnant in 2015 than in 2009, and that abortion incidence went down because individuals did not get pregnant," wrote the paper's authors, Guttmacher researchers Kathryn Kost, Mia Zolna, and Rachel Murro.

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New analysis, covering 2009 to 2015, found a growing majority of pregnancies came at the right time.

State takes aim at community opposition to homeless shelters

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ures.

The state has converted around 20 hotels into temporary emergency housing, and is actively identifying hotels, vacant college dormitories, or other potential solutions.

The housing agency and its nonprofit partners "will continue to explore more options to ensure families have access to safe shelter and we are committed to maintaining constant communication with impacted communities," Kaufman said.

But the efforts to expand that portfolio have been inhibited by local ordinances, which officials say make it difficult to move quickly.

Chelmsford adopted an ordinance in 2015, shortly after then-governor Charlie Baker took office, that limits how long a family placed in emergency shelter can stay in a hotel. A family of four, for example, can stay in a room for two months, or three months in one with a full kitchen. The town can fine the hotel owner $50 a day or more for breaking the rule, and $300 or more for subsequent violations.

Milford and West Springfield have strict zoning codes that say that once somebody stays in a building for more than 30 days, the building must be zoned for residential use (hotels usually occupy nonresidential property).

West Springfield recently put a local hotel on notice that it had violated the town code by hosting occupants beyond the 30-day period. The hotel had contracted with the state to house homeless and migrant families as part of the emergency assistance program. In three separate, strongly worded letters, West Springfield ordered the hotel to "cease and desist" from using the structure for the shelter program, according to copies of the letters provided by state officials. The town gave the hotel until May 15 to clear the place of all occupants who had overstayed the 30-day limit.

West Springfield officials could not be reached for comment Wednesday night.

The Healey administration's new housing rule is intended to address provisions such as those, exempting temporary shelter from a section of state law that dictates housing and occupancy standards under the Department of Health. The change, which was made in October, goes into effect May 12. State officials said the change should ameliorate some of the trouble it has had with certain towns.

Even without an explicit code, some local leaders have pushed back against shelters in their communities.

Marlborough Mayor Arthur Vigeant said he's warned hotels that if they participate in the shelter program, the city can't promise them help with staffing or supplies, as it has in the past. He said the state has not communicated enough with local governments or provided easier ways to build affordable housing.

"Everyone can point the finger to someone else," Vigeant said. "But the communities are the ones who are actually dealing with it."

And in North Adams, some officials oppose using a vacant dorm at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts to shelter homeless families, even though the college itself supports it.

State Representative John Barrett, a Democrat who represents the city, called the state's emergency shelter response a "reactionary" one.

"It's causing havoc in a lot of areas," he said. "We can't continue to burden communities across the state with this problem."

The common refrain from communities is that shelter occupants would clog traffic, overwhelm schools, or threaten public safety.

To advocates, the real reason behind local resistance arises from knee-jerk concern that shelters will negatively affect property values.

Amy Dain, a Newton-based consultant and researcher who studies urban planning and housing policy, said the current opposition is but the latest in a century-old tradition of what she called "socioeconomic sorting."

"These are long trends that go through all of history," she said.

To combat some of that criticism, the state has attempted to sweeten the deal for cities and towns.

In March, Governor Maura Healey signed a supplemental spending bill that includes $85 million for the emergency assistance program, including nearly $22 million for schools that experience an influx of children from shelters.

"We need to counteract some of the local opposition and misunderstanding around what the community impact would be by welcoming families," said Kelly Turley, who has long advocated for such funding as director of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

And that work has made an impact, Turley said.

When a Best Western in Concord was picked to serve as an emergency shelter, some residents said the move opened their eyes to the lack of affordable housing. In Salem, where the state converted a vacant Salem State University residential complex into shelter housing, local leaders welcomed the project. In Westborough, the state recently identified a vacant building that could potentially house 20 homeless families, according to the town.

In Newton, where the state is considering the closed Indigo Hotel as a possible shelter site, some residents asked if they could volunteer their time or help, even as others raised concerns during a recent town meeting about the property. State housing officials expect the hotel would reopen as early as August for two years.

Housing undersecretary Jennifer Maddox explained to residents that the intensifying housing crisis is dramatically affecting the shelter system, and that "some of this is bigger than us."

"Right now, the shelter system is in crisis," she said.

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Fritz, a Haitian migrant, was reflected in a TV screen in a Boston hotel room, where he is staying with his family.

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Same olde, same olde from Old Sturbridge Village charter foes

Old Sturbridge Village is one of the oldest and largest outdoor living history museums in the country. It sits on 200 acres in Sturbridge, a tiny town roughly 20 miles southwest of Worcester. Established nearly 80 years ago, the museum recreates what life was like in rural New England in the early 1800s. Visitors — more than 250,000 per year — can observe what life was like from actors dressed in period costumes and learn about textile manufacturing or how to make maple sugar.

If you grew up in the area, all of this may sound familiar — because your school probably dragged you there on a field trip, a New England rite of passage right up there with whale watches and forced marches along the Freedom Trail.

It's a you'll-thank-us-later kind of experience that most students in Worcester will no longer have — city officials canceled field trips last month for hundreds of Worcester Public School third-graders, severing a longstanding relationship between the district and the museum. It was a petty and inappropriate move by the district, which is depriving children of a valuable educational experience because of a dispute that has nothing to do with them — and everything to do with education politics.

How did we get here? In late February, after much debate and strong opposition from Worcester elected officials, the state's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted 7-4 to approve a proposal for Worcester Cultural Academy charter public school. The new charter school will be located in Worcester but follow an educational model similar to the existing Old Sturbridge Academy charter public school, where students spend part of their classroom time at the Old Sturbridge Village. That charter school opened in 2017 and serves almost 300 students. The new charter has a different board than the existing one but has hired Old Sturbridge Village to be the educational manager of the school.

The objections to WCA centered about money, of course — specifically, that the new charter school would take $2 million away from the WPS in its first year, since roughly 125 Worcester students are expected to initially enroll in the new school and the district would no longer receive state funds for those students.

Enter the ban: The Worcester School Committee voted unanimously to halt field trips to the Village, which roughly 1,700 Worcester third-graders take every year. The call to boycott originally came from the local teachers union and the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

It's one thing to bash the state or even the charter, but to rationalize lashing out at Old Sturbridge Village itself, the School Committee has conjured up an ethics scandal at the museum where there appears to be none.

Prior to voting on the ban, members of the School Committee, which includes Worcester Mayor Joseph Petty, sent a letter to state agencies including the inspector general and the auditor's office asking them to investigate what they called the "questionable financial relationship" between the museum and the new school. The committee's concerns centered around the assertion by the museum's officers that the charter school will provide reliable revenue to the museum. The school's critics appear to view it as somehow nefarious that the museum hopes to be paid for its work, but nonprofits seeking revenue through legal means is entirely ethical. State education authorities have reviewed the museum's existing relationship with the charter school in Sturbridge without finding any problems. The arrangement seems to be no different than other contracts charter schools typically sign with nonprofits that offer similar operational or academic services.

The critics also contend there is a conflict of interest because some founding members of the new charter school have direct ties to Old Sturbridge Village. To whatever extent that accusation has merit, though, it's a problem with the school, not the museum.

As for the siphoning of funds from local districts by charter schools that critics raise alarms about, rarely do they mention the charter school reimbursement program. While the district will lose $2 million in the first year, it will also *get* about $2 million the first year in transitional aid for tuition "loss" when the new charter school opens — that is, money for kids the district is no longer educating, with additional dollars coming each year depending on how many kids enroll in the charter school.

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In an interview, Tracy O'Connell Novick, the Worcester School Committee member who filed the ban proposal, said that it was a question of consistency. "If we're saying that this entity does not manage funds in an ethical fashion," then the School Committee shouldn't be directing further funds to an unethical entity. But in their letter to state agencies, the elected officials allege that the *charter's* board has a conflict of interest, not the museum, and do not appear to allege any mismanagement of funds on the museum's part.

It's unclear how much taxpayer money goes to fund the now-canceled trips, but a district spokesperson told MassLive that a foundation helps cover the cost of the trips, at around $20,000 a year. (State Senator Ryan Fattman, a Republican whose district includes Sturbridge, is trying to raise funds for the trips so Worcester students can continue visiting the village for free.)

Worcester has two other charter schools with a combined enrollment of about 2,000 students, according to the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association. Both schools have lengthy wait-lists; as of last fall, 620 Worcester students are on a charter school wait-list, per figures provided by the association. And there's room for charter school expansion: Worcester has about 3,000 seats available under the state-imposed cap.

Old Sturbridge Village's real crime seems to be that it's been willing to be part of an effort to provide parents with the educational options that the wait-lists in Worcester indicate they clearly want. In recent years, charter opponents have adopted scorched-earth tactics to smear school proponents. But banning children from visiting a beloved museum over what amounts to a policy difference is not merely a step too far — it's the kind of cheap tactic that's only going to convince parents skeptical of the district not to trust it with their children's education.

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After a woman was injured on the Harvard Station platform by a piece of falling equipment, a small section of the waiting area was taped off.

JOAN VENNOCHI

Fixing the T means communicating honestly about it

After a heavy utility box broke free from a column at the Red Line's Harvard Station on Monday, plunged to the platform, and hit a commuter, Phillip Eng, the new general manager of the MBTA, called the incident a "stark reminder of the challenge at hand."

It sure is. Since Eng took over last month, there has been one bad news headline after another, from service cuts and slow zones to senior managers who were allowed to work far away from Boston, with no personal connection to the everyday experience of T commuters. In March, there was another scary incident at Harvard Station when a ceiling tile weighing 20 pounds narrowly missed hitting a woman.

> Years of misinformation, disinformation, and contempt for the riding public conveyed via a haughty communications operation have taken their toll on the T's credibility — and with that, on T ridership.

Confronting each of those problems is critical — but it's not Eng's toughest challenge. That would be restoring faith in the T, which means getting the riding public to believe he knows and cares enough about their daily experience to acknowledge the truth about it and has the backing of state leaders to fix it. Years of misinformation, disinformation, and contempt for the riding public conveyed via a haughty communications operation have taken their toll on the T's credibility — and with that, on T ridership.

Just look at Boston's clogged highways and downtown streets. People who can drive into the city and afford to pay for parking are doing just that. While some of the downward trajectory in T ridership can be attributed to the continued embrace of remote work, some of it is due to genuine disgust with the product and skepticism that it can ever improve. If that continues, public transit will be left to students, service workers, and anyone else who either has no alternative or is simply a glutton for the kind of punishment a T commute regularly dishes out.

No ceiling tile or utility box has fallen on my head, and no train door has shut on my arm. As a regular Orange Line rider, the inconveniences I encounter fall into the frustrating category. Knowing there will likely be a 19-minute wait for the next train, I run as fast as possible to board any train that's waiting at Oak Grove — a practice that recently ended with a dramatic and embarrassing flop on the platform. I'm lucky my job doesn't require me to punch a time clock. But what about workers who have to show up for a shift? At least the wait time is now displayed.

Much of the everyday aggravation of T ridership involves a lack of solid information about the commute. Last week at Haymarket Station, the train shut down, the lights went off, and a garbled voice over the sound system announced something was happening — but no one could quite make out what it was. Eventually, the words "unauthorized person on the tracks" could be heard, which is, of course, an excellent reason to stop a train. There would have been less muttering if we had known that from the start. When service resumed, the driver did apologize for the delay, which was a nice touch.

That's just one tiny example of the T's longstanding communication problems. More transparency is needed at every level, and more empathy wouldn't hurt either. Providing both is a big part of the seismic cultural shift that needs to happen and which Eng will hopefully lead. So far, he's saying the right things and seems to be committed to a more open dialogue about the serious issues facing the T.

But he has to change an entrenched and arrogant transit operation, one that for the past eight years reflected the attitude of former governor Charlie Baker. Remember, Baker equated getting on a train with being a "virtue signaler" rather than seeing it as a way to understand what it's like to get to work when state troopers aren't driving you there. Governor Maura Healey has pledged to make the T a priority and has taken some important steps to back that up. For example, she appointed three new members to the MBTA Board of Directors and named Tom Glynn, a former MBTA general manager and CEO of the Massachusetts Port Authority, as the chair. She also hired Patrick Lavin, a seasoned transportation executive, to take over the new post of MassDOT chief safety officer.

Yet one sentence in a Globe story on the latest mishap involving the fallen utility box gave me chills. It stated that Karissa Hand, a spokesperson for Healey, "referred questions to the MBTA." In recent years, the T communications office has been a place where questions either go to die or are responded to at a pace so languid that it makes the slow zone on the Orange Line seem zippy. When the answers finally arrived via e-mail, they were often carefully parsed to avoid full disclosure of the truth.

When it comes to restoring faith in the T, changing that style of communication is a big part of the challenge Eng faces.

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Rush for Supreme Court scoops comes with a consequence: undermining ethics reform efforts

The Supreme Court clearly has an ethics problem. But the exact extent of that problem seems to be getting less clear by the day.

For that, the media bear some blame. The recent flurry of headlines spurred by news organizations' hunt to score the latest scoop about the court and how justices operate behind the scenes has put a bounty on even relatively benign actions by the justices. The result, however inadvertent, has been to eclipse serious ethical breaches that undermine the court's legitimacy in a way that makes needed reform harder.

> Hold the Supreme Court to the same, enforceable ethical rules that other federal judges are bound by.

The journalistic dam broke after last year's leak in Politico of the draft opinion that would overturn Roe v. Wade and the subsequent bombshell report from that news organization about "Operation Higher Court," an extensive influence campaign by religious right advocates to socialize privately with justices in order to bend their ears about conservative positions on issues like abortion. One of the justices who broke bread regularly with the advocates, Justice Samuel Alito, authored the court's opinion striking down the constitutional right to an abortion.

Since then, other newsworthy reports have highlighted the problem of the Supreme Court's lack of ethical oversight. One of the biggest was the ProPublica account of conservative billionaire Harlan Crow befriending Justice Clarence Thomas and taking him and his wife on lavish vacations around the globe for decades, complete with private jet travel, yachting excursions, and extravagant lodging.

A subsequent ProPublica story that Thomas failed to disclose the sale of property to Crow, including a house in which Thomas's mother continued to live, and a Bloomberg News report that, contrary to Thomas's original statement, Crow did have business before the court also raised serious ethics concerns. That's underscored by the fact that the Judicial Conference later clarified that financial disclosures the justices are bound to provide must include transportation and lodging, and Thomas reportedly will amend his filings to include them.

But the ensuing spate of Supreme Court-related news splashes — even those that are factual and carefully reported — have served to muddy the ethical waters.

One involved an allegation that Jane Roberts, the wife of Chief Justice John Roberts, created a conflict with her work as a recruiter for top-tier law firms, even though the Judicial Conference issued an advisory opinion that such work in itself creates no such breach. The actions of spouses are certainly not immune from scrutiny, such as Ginni Thomas's efforts to encourage state lawmakers in Arizona to overturn 2020 presidential election results — and Justice Thomas's subsequent refusal to recuse himself from a case involving the election result. But spouses, including Jane Roberts, do have the right to make a living. Yet, the episode found prominent placement in The New York Times and other publications, making a false equivalence with Ginni Thomas's actions inevitable.

The sale of property owned in part by Justice Neil Gorsuch to the head of a law firm with a Supreme Court practice — even though there is no evidence Gorsuch knew who the buyer was, much less was influenced by the purchase — also captured headlines in Politico.

Those carefully considering the context of those cases should be able to tell which ones are worth much ado.

"If you don't get that private planes and yachts and free trips from an influential conservative donor is a big deal and separate from everything else, I don't know what to tell you," Gabe Roth, executive director of judicial reform advocacy organization Fix the Court, told me.

But because the court has been so siloed and misunderstood by the public for so long — a reclusiveness largely of its own making — the differences may not stand out.

"I think that one of the problems we've been having today is that so many of these issues get dug up by investigative journalists and splashed across the news in ways that does damage to the court," Amanda Frost, a University of Virginia law professor whose focus includes judicial ethics, said at a Senate hearing Tuesday. "If they had a more systematic way of approaching these problems, we could avoid this."

That more systematic way is clear: Hold the Supreme Court to the same, enforceable ethical rules that other federal judges are bound by. News organizations, while providing a crucial public service of shining a light on wrongdoing and corruption, are not the final arbiters of what constitutes a Supreme Court ethical breach. The problem is, unlike all other branches of government, the Supreme Court has no such body. Congress needs to change that, not only to protect the institution of the court, but also to boost the public's understanding of how it should and shouldn't work.

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Biden should remove Cuba from the state sponsor of terrorism list

By Jim McGovern and Patrick Leahy

In the final days of the Trump administration, Cuba was relisted as a state sponsor of terrorism alongside countries like North Korea, Syria, and Iran.

Intelligence officials and diplomats in Democratic and Republican administrations almost all agree — the designation was without merit. That's why Cuba was removed from the list by President Barack Obama in 2015. Yet over halfway through President Biden's first term, Cuba remains on the list — meaning that private industry, faith-based groups, NGOs, universities, and even foreign governments risk US prosecution for nearly any kind of humanitarian aid, business, investment, or trade with Cuban citizens.

To be clear, we strongly condemn the repressive and undemocratic policies of the Cuban government that have caused so much hardship on the island. But an honest assessment requires an acknowledgement of the ways that America's sanctions are compounding the suffering of Cuban families.

YAMIL LAGE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Drivers queued to get fuel near a gas station in Havana on April 24. "This is hell!" said Lazaro Diaz, a 59-year-old Cuban courier who waited in line for a day hoping to get gasoline, in the longest fuel shortage crisis that Havanans say they have experienced in years.

Combined with the Cuban government's mismanagement of its economy — and supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19 — US policies have helped create a humanitarian crisis.

And now, as a result of severe shortages of food, medicine, fuel, and other necessities, an unprecedented number of Cubans are fleeing the island. In 2022, more than 313,000 undocumented Cubans sought admission to the United States — that's more than twice as many as in the 1980 Mariel freedom flotilla and 1994 rafters crisis combined.

Cuban authorities have demonstrated over and over that they will do whatever it takes to remain in power, regardless of the suffering of their people. The current economic crisis will not loosen their grip — but the status quo does pose serious challenges for the United States.

Without a change in US policy, our leadership in Latin America will be weakened, as the controversy over participation in the Summit of the Americas last year demonstrated. Our adversaries will also have an even greater opening in the Americas as the Cuban government increasingly turns to Russia and China for aid.

The solution is US engagement with Cuba — allowing us to better defend the rights and alleviate the suffering of the Cuban people, advancing US interests on issues of common interest, and offering Cuba an alternative to deepening ties with other authoritarian regimes.

While ending the economic embargo — an anachronism of the Cold War that has not achieved any of its objectives — requires an act of Congress, there are interim steps that should be taken immediately.

First, the White House should remove Cuba from the state sponsor of terrorism list. It's an open secret in Washington that Cuba does not belong on the list and that the previous false justification by the Trump administration was politically motivated.

Second, Biden should waive Title III of the Helms-Burton Act. Waived for years by Democratic and Republican administrations before Trump, Title III is a misguided attempt to bully other countries into involuntarily joining US efforts to punish the Cuban people and Cuban entrepreneurs — exacerbating their hardships by preventing trade and investment, even when it has nothing to do with the Cuban government.

Third, the Biden administration should expand diplomatic dialogue with Cuba on issues like migration, maritime security, and environmental protection, as well as facilitating the export of US agricultural products and collaborating to protect our citizens from infectious diseases.

Finally, the Biden administration should allow more Americans to travel to Cuba to support the struggling private sector there. Reinstating the general license for individual people-to-people educational travel would give private businesses a major boost since individual travelers are far more likely than groups to travel to Cuba.

As a candidate, Biden said "Americans — and especially Cuban Americans — can be our best ambassadors for freedom in Cuba." Members of Congress overwhelmingly agree. History has proven that a policy of engagement and the exchange of ideas, not isolation, is what brings lasting change. Yet two years into this administration, travel to Cuba is subject to onerous restrictions that don't apply to Americans traveling to any other country except North Korea.

The bottom line? The Cuban and American people deserve better.

Americans deserve the freedom to travel to and trade freely with Cuba. Cubans — ignored and repressed by their government and caught in the cross fire of a Cold War rivalry that belongs in the dustbin of history — deserve the freedom to chart their own course free from the Cuban government's oppression and vengeful US policies.

Engagement, based on our national interests and values, and the need to help the Cuban people at this critical time, is the only effective option, and the only option worthy of the United States.

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INBOX

The left wing is humor-challenged

As part of a Mideast delegation, they waxed satirical. Tough crowd.

As a self-described leftist, I applaud Todd May's piece about a lack of humor among our wing ("The left needs a good laugh," Opinion, May 1).

I remember participating in a human rights delegation to the West Bank in Palestine and standing for hours at one of the many arbitrary checkpoints (road closures) that make daily life for Palestinians so challenging. My friend and I passed the time repeating Mel Brooks and Monty Python routines (think of the knight refusing passage who lost all of his limbs in the scene from "Monty Python and the Holy Grail"), and we were roundly criticized by our ultra-serious American traveling companions.

Of course, our Palestinian hosts thought it was a great way to deal with the absurdity of the situation, an inhuman and cruel feature of their daily existence under Israeli military occupation. But our left-wing American companions thought it showed a lack of appreciation for the severity of apparent human rights violations.

Humor is not disrespect; it's a weapon.

HOWARD B. LENOW
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Step 1: Don't take yourself too seriously. Step 2: Get insight into the 'other.'

Great opinion piece by Todd May.

A wise person once told me that while there is a plethora of things to take very seriously in this life, taking oneself too seriously is not among them.

> One does not engender support for their views by being a scold.

I'm a center-left independent, and I have this crazy notion that we should all push ourselves to take in information from a variety of sources, including those with which we disagree, even some of the dishonest, over-the-top ones (hello, ratings powerhouse Fox News). Perhaps one would gain a little insight as to what the appeal is to millions of one's fellow citizens.

I also think that one does not engender support for their views by being a humorless scold.

JOHN NAGLES
Gardner

And another thing …

Todd May wrote that he "was driven to the Tampa airport by a self-identified lesbian," and my leftist friends all complained that he didn't take public transportation.

SCOTT ROSSITER
Grafton

Breath tests must be held to the strict standards of medical labs

As a medical laboratory scientist, I have always been concerned about the use of test devices used by nonmedical people ("Make it easy to reopen drunk driving convictions after breathalyzer scandal," Editorial, May 1).

The results of any test may have far-reaching effects. A blood sugar testing device needs to report accurate data so that the person with diabetes can make the right health choices. An inaccurate result may have life-threatening consequences.

A breath test is no different. A falsely elevated result achieved by a defective device or an untrained operator can be life-changing. The test subject could be accused of a crime they did not commit.

These devices need to be calibrated, controlled, and documented in a logbook per device manufacturer to assure accurate information. The test-performing officer must also be recorded.

These are best-practice procedures required in medical laboratories that perform trillions of tests annually in this country, and the health of the nation depends on it. The integrity of the scientist is of the utmost importance. The State Police must be held to the same standard.

CAROL HOUDE
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Nikki Haley makes Biden's age a target. AI makes us all targets.

Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley's recent comment that President Biden might not live to complete a second term is remarkable in a number of ways. First, it demonstrates that ageism is unique in being perhaps the only form of prejudice generally tolerated by the public, including those who would otherwise vehemently condemn discrimination. Had Haley, who herself is eligible for AARP membership, attacked another political opponent precisely because that opponent was Black or gay or Jewish, she would, quite rightly, have been so severely censured that her own candidacy probably would have been over. But it would appear that inclusiveness somehow does not extend to the elderly.

The rationale behind this might be the gratuitous and unwarranted perception that older workers are less competent, efficient, or adaptable than their younger counterparts in a given field. While this is a groundless stereotype, there is ever in the workplace that situation of the besieged older worker struggling to hang on until retirement while younger workers breathe down his or her neck trying to get the worker's job.

Fortunately, this may be changing, not because people are becoming more accepting of elders but because automation, cybernation, and artificial intelligence, unlike candidate Haley, do not discriminate; they will displace anyone. They are equal opportunity unemployers. So while younger workers race frantically to get the older worker's job, they now have to watch their own backs. To the robotic device or the astounding AI program poised to unseat them, they might just as well be old.

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April tax revenue shortfall gives state a dose of reality

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Legislative leaders, budget officials, and others who've embraced plans for wide-ranging tax relief this year cautioned that the sky isn't falling. Governor Maura Healey's budget office said that despite the drop, it doesn't believe it will have to make any painful emergency cuts to balance spending this year, and House leaders said they've long "anticipated and prepared for potential revenue declines."

Matt Gorzkowicz, Healey's budget secretary, said officials were already planning for more modest tax growth, with tightened budgets in the years ahead.

"I don't think we're going to enjoy surpluses and certainly some of the revenues that we've seen over the last couple of years," he said.

The sobering news landed at a key time in the budget cycle, and reinvigorated a debate over what the state can afford. The House in recent weeks passed both a $56.2 billion budget plan for next year, and a tax relief bill that, ultimately, could cost the state $1.1 billion a year. The package mirrors many aspects of Healey's own plan.

The Senate is now expected in the coming weeks to craft its own spending and tax plans. As the budget season proceeds, it remains to be seen whether the new revenue picture will give policy makers pause about pursuing a wide-ranging relief package that has been a hallmark of Healey's early agenda.

In a joint statement, House Speaker Ronald Mariano and the chamber's budget chief, Representative Aaron Michlewitz, said they've relied on "prudent budgeting" and will monitor revenue figures in the months ahead to "ensure the sustained health of the Massachusetts economy."

Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, the chamber's budget chairman, said in a statement that the Senate, too, has been girding for a drop in revenues. But he did not address what impact, if any, it could have on the Senate's tax plans.

"We remain confident that, by working closely with our partners in the House and the administration, we will advance a balanced and strong fiscal year 2024 budget and maintain the long-term fiscal health of our Commonwealth," the Westport Democrat said.

But progressive groups that have railed against aspects of the tax relief proposals, including plans to slash the capital gains tax rate, seized on the figures. The Raise Up Massachusetts coalition, which successfully pushed a ballot question last year raising taxes on the wealthiest, said in a statement that lawmakers should reconsider the tax cuts, should the state face budget shortfalls in the future.

"Senators should treat this report as a red light," the group said.

Others cautioned not to read too far into the figures. Jim Rooney, president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, said they shouldn't "warrant the sounding of an alarm," given the state's flush coffers in recent years. Doug Howgate, president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, a business-backed budget watchdog, said that while jarring, the numbers aren't surprising given that some pots of revenue were never going to sustain the peaks of years past.

"Today's revenue collections doesn't change the underlying need for sensible tax relief," Howgate said.

The state had originally projected collecting about $6.39 billion in April, before actually taking in $4.78 billion.

The sudden drop appears driven by two main factors, budget officials said: The state collected less in capital gains revenue than projected, and more members of pass-through entities collected their share of $1.4 billion in available credits than anticipated.

The state in 2021 adopted a change in law enabling the pass-through entities — such as partnerships or certain limited liability companies — to avoid the federal cap on state and local taxes paid by allowing them to pay income tax on members' behalf. But for every dollar the company paid in so-called PTE excise taxes, the pass-through business owners are then entitled to 90 cents of credits against their personal income tax.

That members are now collecting credits is just one factor, said Evan Horowitz, the executive director of the Center for State Policy Analysis at Tufts University. Pass-through entities also likely saw a decline in profits, which impacts what they pay in taxes, he said.

"It's the first month that all the weirdness of COVID was flushed out of the tax system," Horowitz said. The revenue drop, he added, is a "reminder that the unusual times we've been living through were quite unusual."

Other revenue buckets, including from sales and meals tax or collections from corporations, were relatively in line with projections, officials said, leaving them confident that those and other indicators of a potential economic downturn are still holding steady.

Healey's budget office cautioned that the current shortfall may not fall entirely on the state budget.

Excess capital gains revenues, for example, are required to flow into the emergency savings account, known as the rainy day fund. If capital gains collections — typically a volatile source to begin with — are ultimately a primary culprit for the decline in revenue this year, that could mean the rainy day fund gets less, but the budget could still be in balance.

Gorzkowicz said the April revenue collections also don't change the administration's belief that the state can afford to pursue a potential $1 billion tax relief plan, noting that the likely reasons behind the revenue drop were "known exposures."

"Our tax package and the reason why the governor filed it is still very much a relevant issue, which is affordability and competitiveness. We think that's still important," he said.

The situation, nevertheless, is a reversal from past years. The state ended last fiscal year with a nearly $5 billion surplus, and revenues were so strong, the state triggered a then-little-known 1980s-era law that was intended to limit tax revenue growth to the growth of total wages and salaries.

It ultimately meant the state sent taxpayers their share of a $3 billion refund last fall.

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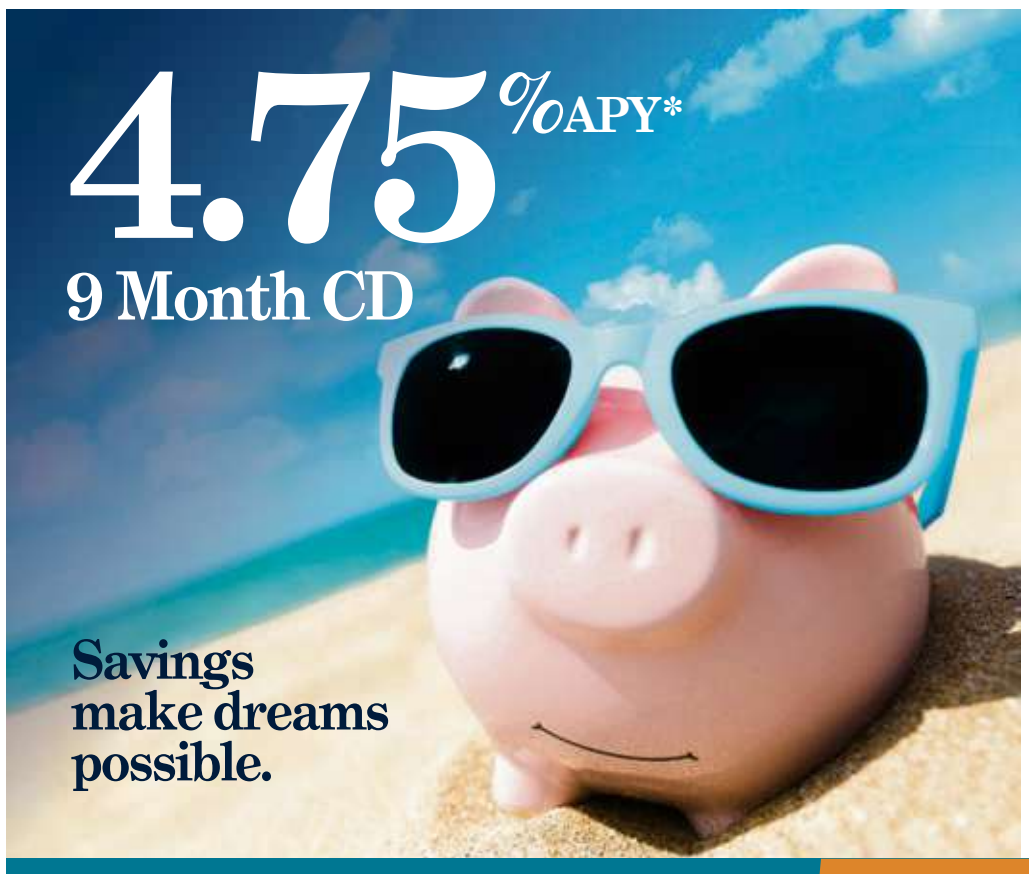

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When the system abuses

Sarah Perkins and Joshua Sabey know how lucky they are, though you would never use the word "lucky" given what they've been through.

Their infant Cal's fever and a trip to the emergency room last July touched off a horrific chain of events. A scan showed the baby had had a fractured rib. Perkins told them she had no idea how it happened, but hospital workers suspected abuse. That led to days of questioning, home visits, and investigation, which showed that abuse was highly unlikely.

But then, without warning, social workers and Waltham police showed up at the family's home in the middle of a Friday night and, minus a warrant, threatened to force entry if they didn't give up their kids. They took baby Cal and terrified, wailing Clarence, 3, away in a cruiser.

It took a month for the parents to get conditional custody of their children back (after 15 hours, they were placed with their grandmother), and another three months for the Department of Children and Families to close the case against them.

The family left Massachusetts a week later. The temporary move to Idaho they'd planned is now permanent.

"If you have gone through a really traumatic event in a place, you don't want to go back," Perkins said in an interview.

On Tuesday, they filed a federal lawsuit against the police and social workers responsible for the July raid that upended their lives, in the hopes of forcing the state to think more carefully before taking kids from other parents.

"This was a tragic event that is multiplied half a million times every year in this country," Sabey said, citing national numbers. And unlike his, most of the families torn apart in this way lack the resources to fight back. Perkins and Sabey are white, well-educated, middle class. They have supportive families, good connections, and the money and time to comply with all DCF required of them. They had no criminal history, no record of substance abuse, no hint that they were anything but wonderful parents.

It didn't prevent them from being treated like suspects, questioned relentlessly, their every word and facial expression scrutinized. They spent endless hours and $60,000 in legal fees trying to get their children back. And a year after the boys were taken, much trauma remains. Clarence woke up screaming every night after returning home, and still has night terrors. Perkins and Sabey worry constantly that somebody will suspect them of abuse again.

DCF takes thousands of kids from their family homes each year. Each one of those removals is traumatic, even when it is the right thing to do. Every one of the 3,964 kids removed last year felt terror, confusion, longing – wounds that a mountain of research shows stay with them for years. Because their families -- disproportionately poor, Hispanic, and Black -- lack resources and connections, their stories come to light only rarely. Tragedies like the murders of Jeremiah Oliver and Harmony Montgomery compound their powerlessness, convincing the rest of us it's better to err on the side of caution.

"We had the assumptions that a lot of people do," Sabey said. "That these are well-intentioned people, abuse is a problem, and kids need to be protected."

But now he and Perkins can see the balance is tragically off. A slew of studies has shown that kids living even with deeply imperfect family generally fare better than they do in foster care. DCF has declined to comment on this case, but its leaders are clearly of the same mind: In the past few years, it has tried to keep more kids with their families. And it must be said that just about every social worker is dedicated, and trying to do what is right.

But given what we know now, it is clear that Cal and Clarence should never have been taken from their parents this way, or at all. It's also clear that this family isn't alone. Since their story appeared in the Washington Post last year, Perkins and Sabey have heard from scores of desperate parents who say their children have been unjustly removed by the state.

They hope their case will lead to more eyes on each child removal, and more support for parents fighting to keep their families together.

We can't get it right every time. But surely we can do better than this.

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'Phillis Wheatley is a monumental figure not just in terms of literature, but also in terms of culture.'

BARBARA MCCASKILL *professor at the University of Georgia*

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A statue of Phillis Wheatley is on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. Wheatley is considered the first African American to publish a poetry book. Below, a detail of the statue.

Discovered poem may be first in Wheatley canon

By Tiana Woodard
GLOBE STAFF

Among the shelves of the Historic Society of Pennsylvania's research library, a poetry scholar appears to have discovered a quintessential piece of Boston history.

Written in one of its many books is the poem "On the Death of Love Rotch," dated 1767. It is believed to be the earliest known full-length elegy by Phillis Wheatley, the Boston-based author who's widely considered the first African American to publish a poetry book.

"There's so much about Wheatley's story that is compelling and that you just can't look away from," said Wendy Roberts, an associate professor of English at the University of Albany, and the scholar who stumbled upon the poem in a Quaker commonplace book.

Last year's discovery, which still must be confirmed as written by Wheatley, comes around the 250th publishing anniversary of her sole book, "Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral," and as scholars interpret her as not just a poet but also a champion of justice, world traveler, and beloved friend.

"Phillis Wheatley is a monumental figure not just in terms of literature, but also in terms of culture," said Barbara McCaskill, an English professor at the University of Georgia and co-director of the Wheatley Peters Project. "We haven't granted her her due."

A large fraction of research on Wheatley over the years has dismissed her as a Black artist pandering to white causes. But a new generation of thinkers are painting a more complete picture of the prodigy's life with new poems, archival materials, and research angles.

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Lowell to pay $13m over man's conviction

Wrongfully found guilty of arson

By Ivy Scott
GLOBE STAFF

Victor Rosario raised his fist in victory Wednesday morning outside Boston's federal court as he celebrated the $13 million settlement he will receive from the city of Lowell, which he won after spending more than 30 years in prison wrongly convicted of arson.

"More than half of my life was spent behind the walls of Massachusetts state prisons and under court supervision," said Rosario, 65. "Today this chapter ended and a new chapter begins for me."

In 1982, Rosario tried to save people in a burning building, his attorney Mark Loevy-Reyes said. Several days later, however, Lowell police concluded the fire was an act of arson using what is now considered "junk science," Loevy-Reyes said. Rosario, whose first language is Spanish, said police took advantage of the language barrier to force a confession out of him, and he was convicted a year later at the age of 24.

Rosario was released from prison in 2014 after a Middlesex Superior Court judge vacated his conviction. Judge Kathe M. Tuttman ruled that the questionable quality of arson evidence, paired with new evidence that Rosario experienced psychosis due to alcohol withdrawal when he was arrested, raised doubts about the legitimacy of his confession.

Loevy-Reyes said his team was prepared to go to trial in federal court later this month against the city of Lowell and police investigators for violating Rosario's civil rights when they got the news Tuesday evening that the Lowell City Council had approved the $13 million settlement. As part of the settlement, the police officers responsible for arresting and convicting Rosario will not face any consequences.

"There are no winners today. Victor has received some justice, but he hasn't completely been made whole," Loevy-Reyes said. "No number is ever going to compensate him ... but to Lowell's credit, they did step up."

In the past eight months, Loevy-Reyes said his firm has won roughly $58 million in settlements and verdicts for wrongful convictions across Massachusetts, including in Lynn, Worcester, and Braintree. Loevy-Reyes said the last settlement of this size in Massachusetts was the $16 million the city of Boston paid in 2021 to Sean Ellis, who was also wrongfully convicted.

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Boston journalist Yawu Miller leaving Banner

As a reporter and managing editor, he covered Black community

'It's bittersweet,' said Yawu Miller of his departure.

By Danny McDonald and Emily Sweeney
GLOBE STAFF

Yawu Miller, a longtime journalist at the Bay State Banner who has covered Boston's Black communities for years with insight and aplomb, is leaving the weekly newspaper, he announced in a recent column.

"It's bittersweet," Miller told The Boston Globe during a recent phone interview.

Miller, 56, said he was stepping down from his post as managing editor because he felt it was time for a change.

"I think 10 years in one job is long enough," he said.

Miller's departure comes months after a change in ownership at the Banner, a Black-owned paper that covers the city's Black communities and was founded by Miller's uncle in 1965. On Feb. 28, founder Melvin B. Miller sold the newspaper to a group headed by veteran WBZ-TV news journalist Ron Mitchell and television and film producer Andre Stark, the paper reported.

Mitchell said Kenneth Cooper will be taking on the role of interim managing editor, and Miller will be missed.

"Yawu Miller's influence on delivering important news on issues ranging from affordable housing to voter rights cannot be overstated," Mitchell said in a statement. "His dedication to the paper

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School bus drivers union warns of a pending strike on Monday if a contract isn't reached this week. **B2**

This gulp was of cosmic proportions

Study describes star consuming planet

By Martin Finucane
GLOBE STAFF

For the first time, scientists have observed a star swallowing a planet, a preview of what will happen to the Earth 5 billion years from now, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said Wednesday.

The discovery was made by scientists from MIT, Harvard University, the California Institute of Technology, and other institutions. The research was described in a study in the journal Nature.

Lead author Kishalay De, a postdoctoral student in MIT's Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research, said in a video news conference that scientists have believed stars eventually swallow their nearby planets as they evolve, but "what we've never really seen is a star in this act of engulfment itself and that was sort of the missing piece in this entire puzzle."

As a star nears the end of its life, it expands, absorbing any matter — including planets — in its vicinity, MIT said.

That's what scientists believe happened in our galaxy near the constellation Aquila about 12,000 light-years away, MIT said. A hot, Jupiter-sized planet spiraled closer and was dragged into a dying star's ballooning atmosphere and into its core.

A similar thing is expected to happen to the Earth in another 5 billion years, when the sun is expected to burn up the solar system's inner planets, MIT said.

"In some ways, it's a bit poetic in that, you know, this is going to be the

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PHOTOS BY DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

HOLDING COURT, AT 100 — Offering a wave as he arrived Wednesday in the courtroom, former state attorney general Frank Bellotti celebrated his 100th birthday at a Law Day event at the Francis X. Bellotti Courthouse, Quincy District Court. Among the many joining in the party were Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, House Speaker Ronald Mariano, and former governor Bill Weld. Chief trial court officer Anthony Holmes delivered the birthday cake.

School bus drivers union warns of strike

Would affect three districts

By Adria Watson
GLOBE STAFF

The union representing bus drivers in three Massachusetts school districts recently warned that roughly 150 drivers could go on strike Monday if a contract agreement with the districts' transportation company is not reached this week.

A strike could disrupt transportation for thousands of students in Westborough, Marlborough, and Framingham, which rely on private vendor North Reading Transportation [NRT] Bus Inc. for transportation services.

In a statement released by Teamsters Local 170, the union representing bus drivers in all three districts argued that NRT stalled negotiations earlier this year, despite the union's offer to meet during April vacation and on weekends. The drivers are asking for fair wages, healthcare, and retirement benefits.

James Marks, a business agent with Teamsters Local 170, said in an e-mail to the Globe on Wednesday that the union is "not ready to speak any more about the potential job action" and that they have recently been negotiating with the company "around the clock."

"These 150 drivers reached out to Teamsters Local 170 and overwhelmingly voted for us to represent them," Marks said in a Facebook post Saturday. "After more than 41 negotiation sessions with NRT and very little movement by the company, long caucuses which resulted in no movement, we made the decision to issue a strike notice."

NRT officials said in a statement that they have been negotiating with the union in good faith since January and hope they can reach a resolution.

"While we respect our employees' federally protected right to strike, we are extremely saddened that the Teamsters are considering moving forward with a strike, particularly given the progress that we've made in our collective bargaining discussions over the last few months," the company said in the statement.

Leaders in the affected school district said they were not directly involved in labor negotiations between a private company and its employees, so they could not influence the matter. But they have been preparing for the consequences.

Marlborough Public Schools Superintendent Mary Murphy said in a statement that the impact of a strike would be significant as the district provides daily transportation to 3,800 students "whom have no alternative transportation option to school."

"District leaders are focused on creating plans to minimize the impact on students should a strike take place," Murphy said, adding that principals are surveying parents to identify how many families would not have transportation and are outside of possible walking zones.

"We remain hopeful that Teamsters Local 170 and North Reading Transportation can come to a fair and equitable solution so that the students of Marlborough Public Schools are not impacted," she said.

Lincoln Lynch IV, the executive director of finance and operations at Framingham Public Schools, said that all three school districts have been in communication with one another, as well as NRT, to figure out alternative transportation options in case the drivers do proceed with a strike.

Lynch said one plan he has been discussing with the bus company is possibly bringing in drivers from other bus yards out of state to provide the district help with getting the 5,400 Framingham students who take the bus to school next week.

He added that the district would still face challenges with fewer drivers who are on new routes, but that the district is trying to prepare for pending delays that could occur.

"For many of us, the preparation for Monday has been 'drop everything else that you're working on and try to figure out a plan to get as many students to school as possible'," Lynch said. "My hope is that I get a message on Sunday night that negotiations have been completed, they've reached a deal, and that our 55 drivers will be behind the wheel on Monday."

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N.H. man accused in Harvard bomb threat

By John R. Ellement
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FBI

A device was destroyed by the Cambridge Police Department's bomb disposal unit at Science Center Plaza.

Harvard University was the target of an alleged extortion scheme by a New Hampshire man who claimed he was ready to detonate three remotely controlled bombs on the Cambridge campus unless he received a bitcoin payment within 96 minutes, according to court records.

William A. Giordani is scheduled to appear for a detention hearing in US District Court in Boston Friday on charges of making extortionate threats and conspiracy. He was arrested by FBI agents in Nashua and made an initial appearance in court on Tuesday.

On April 13, Cambridge police used a robot to disrupt a device, according to an affidavit from the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. Inside a tool bag, authorities found a metal safe containing fireworks and some loose wiring. No other devices were found on campus, authorities wrote.

Harvard University referred questions Wednesday to the Boston office of the FBI. Kristen Setera, spokeswoman for the Boston FBI, declined to comment, noting there is an active criminal prosecution underway.

In one of several telephone calls he allegedly made to Harvard University police, Giordani used a mechanical device to disguise his voice while warning that students would be killed if administrators did not meet his demands or tried to discover where the devices were located, according to the FBI affidavit.

"This is not a joke, a prank, or a drill. There are real lives at stake today," the caller said, according to the affidavit.

Giordani allegedly did more than make a telephone call, according to the affidavit. Surveillance footage showed him on campus carrying a red and black tool bag that he placed near a bench on Science Center Plaza between two food trucks on April 13.

The person who called police identified the spot on the plaza where the tool bag was hidden as proof that the threat was real. The plaza and surrounding buildings were evacuated around 3:40 p.m. and the Cambridge Police bomb squad "executed controlled destruction using a robotic device," police wrote.

Inside the tool bag, police found a "locking safe (similar to what would be found in a hotel room), a package of wire and a quantity of fireworks inside the safe, and a small rectangular box with wires attached to it," police wrote.

The caller demanded payment in bitcoin within 96 minutes. The affidavit did not say how much money was requested.

According to authorities, an ad was posted on Craigslist on April 11 by a person claiming to be a Vietnamese parent of a Harvard student. In return for $300, the "parent" said they needed some items delivered to the campus for their child and included a telephone number to contact them — the same telephone number used by the caller to contact Harvard.

A printout with the same Vietnamese name on it was discovered inside the tool bag when it was examined by police, according to the affidavit.

Police also allegedly found a receipt from the South Bay Home Depot for an online order of $170 for a safe and other items. The order was to be picked up by "bill from craigslist" or a person with the Vietnamese name but reversed. Video from the store allegedly showed Giordani picking up the material at the Dorchester store April 13 while wearing the same clothing as when he allegedly dropped the tool bag on campus.

Records also showed Giordani was given store credit when Home Depot did not have an item listed in the online order, that he used a credit card in the name of an an acquaintance, and is seen carrying all of the items recovered in Cambridge out of the store, authorities said.

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This day in history

Today is Thursday, May 4, the 124th day of 2023. There are 241 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Katherine Jackson, matriarch of the Jackson musical family, is 93. Jazz bassist Ron Carter is 86. Pulitzer Prize-winning political commentator George Will is 82. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia Davison (The Angels) is 79. Actor Richard Jenkins is 76. Singer-actor Pia Zadora is 71. Violinist Soozie Tyrell (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 66. Country singer Randy Travis is 64. Actor Mary McDonough is 62. Comedian Ana Gasteyer is 56. Actor Will Arnett is 53. Green Day bassist Mike Dirnt is 51. Singer Lance Bass ('N Sync) is 44.

►In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

►In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

►In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began in the Pacific during World War II. (The outcome was considered a tactical victory for Japan, but ultimately a strategic one for the Allies.)

►In 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark, and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.

►In 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington, D.C., to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

►In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an antiwar protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

►In 1998, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was given four life sentences plus 30 years by a federal judge in Sacramento under a plea agreement that spared him the death penalty.

►In 2006, a federal judge sentenced Zacarias Moussaoui to life in prison for his role in the 9/11 attacks, telling the convicted terrorist, "You will die with a whimper."

►In 2018, President Trump suggested that his newly-hired attorney Rudy Giuliani needed to "get his facts straight" about the hush money paid to porn actress Stormy Daniels just before the 2016 election; Giuliani had earlier said that Trump knew about the payment to Daniels made by his personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, and that Trump had paid Cohen back. The Connecticut Supreme Court overturned the murder conviction of Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel in the 1975 bludgeoning death of a girl in Greenwich, finding that Skakel's trial attorney had failed to present evidence of an alibi. (The US Supreme Court later left in place the Connecticut high court ruling.)

►Last year, complaining that the West was "stuffing Ukraine with weapons," Russia pounded railroad stations and other supply-line points across the country, as the European Union moved to further punish Moscow for the war by proposing a ban on oil imports.

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Lottery

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY 4301
Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	$5,130
First or last 3	$718
Any 2 digits	$62
Any 1 digit	$6

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	$214
First 3	$120
Last 3	$120

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5867
Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	$4,445
First or last 3	$622
Any 2 digits	$53
Any 1 digit	$5

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	$185
First 3	$104
Last 3	$104

LUCKY FOR LIFE
May 03 **04-08-12-36-46**
Lucky Ball **13**
Jackpot: $1,000 a day for life; winners

MASS CASH
May 03 **02-12-14-18-20**
Jackpot: $100,000; winners

MEGABUCKS
May 03 **08-14-26-38-42-44**
Jackpot: $5,402,907; no winners

MEGA MILLIONS
May 2 **3-15-16-32-41**
Megaball 9, Megaplier 2
Jackpot: $52 million; no winners

PREVIOUS DRAWINGS

	Midday	Night
Tuesday	7263	2681
Monday	6825	4241
Sunday	1715	1753
Saturday	4399	9161
Friday	8132	1666

WEDNESDAY NUMBERS AROUND NEW ENGLAND
Maine, N.H., Vermont
Day: 3-digit **023** 4-digit **4729**
Eve: 3-digit **111** 4-digit **1596**
Wed. Tri-State Megabucks
03-09-24-30-38 (2)
Rhode Island **4295**
Powerball **21-26-30-45-47**
Powerball **23** Powerplay **3X**
Jackpot: $71 million

Read's lawyers, prosecution battle over evidence in court

By Travis Andersen and Tonya Alanez
GLOBE STAFF

DEDHAM — Lawyers for Karen A. Read, the Mansfield woman charged with murder for allegedly hitting her boyfriend, Boston police Officer John J. O'Keefe, with her SUV and leaving him for dead in a snowstorm in Canton last year, sparred with prosecutors during a pre-trial hearing Wednesday over evidence they say has been "hidden, manipulated, stalled, delayed, and obfuscated."

"However long this case lasts, the remaining evidence will drive a stake through the heart of this prosecution," David Yannetti, a lawyer for Read, said during a tense hearing in Norfolk Superior Court.

The closely watched case drew a standing-room only crowd. Relatives of both O'Keefe and Read, law enforcement officers, lawyers, spectators, and a throng of media packed the courtroom. O'Keefe supporters wore round yellow pins that said "Justice for JJ," a reference to the dead officer's nickname.

Read, 43, has pleaded not guilty to charges of second-degree murder, motor vehicle manslaughter while driving impaired, and leaving the scene of an accident causing personal injury and death. She remains free on $100,000 bail. A trial date has not been set.

Around 6 a.m. on Jan. 29, 2022, Read discovered O'Keefe's unconscious body in a snowbank amid whiteout conditions and freezing temperatures outside a Canton home on Fairview Road, prosecutors said. O'Keefe was later pronounced dead at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton.

Shortly after midnight, Read had driven O'Keefe to the Canton home of another Boston police officer, Brian Albert, to attend an after-party, court records show.

JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

A photograph of the arm of Boston police Officer John O'Keefe was shown to the judge by the defense team for Karen A. Read on Wednesday. His injuries were part of evidence that Read's lawyers sparred with prosecutors over.

The group had been out drinking earlier that night, prosecutors said in a court filing this week, and evidence including video footage showed that Read had consumed several drinks and likely had a blood alcohol level that was well above the legal driving limit when she dropped O'Keefe off.

According to prosecutors, Read made a three-point turn to reverse direction and rammed into O'Keefe in the road outside the house before driving back to his home, where she often stayed. She returned to the Canton residence around 6 a.m. with two other women and found O'Keefe's body outside in the snow. She later said in the presence of a paramedic, "I hit him, I hit him, I hit him," according to prosecutors.

Read's lawyers argued for access to autopsy records, O'Keefe's clothing, broken tail light pieces, video surveillance, and animal control records about the homeowner's German shepherd.

> Karen A. Read's lawyers argued for access to autopsy records, clothing, broken tail light pieces, video surveillance, animal control records.

Read's lawyers have argued that evidence suggests O'Keefe was beaten to death and attacked by the dog inside the Fairview Road home during the after-party and that the assailants covered up the crime and framed Read. Prosecutors have dismissed the assertion as baseless.

On Wednesday, Alan Jackson, another lawyer for Read, held up an enlarged autopsy photo of O'Keefe's right arm, which had a number of large scratches that Jackson said are consistent with dog bites. At the time of the after-party, Albert owned a German shepherd. Five months later, Albert "mysteriously" found a new home for the dog out of state, Jackson said.

"If there was a fight inside the house with the dog's owner, the dog would likely attack," said Jackson.

Aside from getting rid of the family dog, Albert also remodeled his basement within months of O'Keefe's death, and eventually sold the Fairview Road home, Jackson said.

"Evidence is being destroyed right under our nose," Jackson said.

Assistant Norfolk District Attorney Adam C. Lally, however, said the medical examiner and the doctors who treated O'Keefe came to a much different determination about O'Keefe's arm injuries.

In grand jury testimony, the medical examiner "described Mr. O'Keefe's right arm injuries as scratches caused by a blunt object" that "appeared to be in a linear pattern," Lally said in court. There were no "signs of an altercation or fight," the examiner testified.

Prosecutors have said the right rear taillight on Read's SUV was damaged from hitting O'Keefe, and Lally said Wednesday that "embedded within the bumper of that vehicle [are] pieces of a cocktail glass." O'Keefe had been seen leaving a bar with a cocktail glass before Read dropped him off.

The cocktail glass was "the same type of glass that is then recovered from the bumper of the defendant's car," Lally said.

Jackson countered that a broken cocktail glass could not have caused O'Keefe's injuries.

"Who did that to him?" Jackson said. "Is their new theory that Karen Read got out of the car, broke a cocktail glass, then wielded an edge of that cocktail glass and cut up John's arm? ... It makes absolutely no sense. That is the Commonwealth grasping at straws."

A forensic specialist who examined Read's SUV found "a dent with chipped paint in the trunk door, a broken tail light, and scratches on the bumper," as well as "human hair" on the "rear passenger side quarter panel," of the vehicle, according to prosecutors.

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Ransom note about Ana Walshe sent to detective early in case

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Six days after Ana Walshe was last seen in her Cohasset home, a local police detective received an apparent ransom note demanding $127,000, court records show.

The contents of the note were included in a search warrant application, part of a trove of documents made public last week in the murder case against Walshe's husband, Brian Walshe.

The vague note was sent by e-mail to a detective at 5:18 a.m. on Jan. 7 from a Gmail account with the user name "Richard Walker," court records show, a few days after Ana Walshe was reported missing by her co-workers in Washington, D.C.

"We have the so named Ana walshe with us here ... we had a deal worth $127,000 ... she messed up ... we have her here with us and if she doesn't pay the money ... then she'll never be back, and we know that the police and the FBI are involved ... good luck finding us," the note from the account "richardwalker9984" stated.

The note did not provide instructions on how or when to respond to the demands. It was first reported by WBZ News.

Authorities have not said who they believe sent the ransom note.

Brian Walshe, 47, was indicted on murder charges in March for allegedly killing Ana Walshe, 39, at their home on New Year's Day then dismembering her body and disposing of it. He was arraigned last week in Norfolk Superior Court on charges of first-degree murder, misleading police, and improper conveyance of a human body.

Brian Walshe told investigators that his wife left their home early on New Year's Day to travel to Washington D.C., where she worked. Investigators found no evidence she had traveled to Washington D.C., and determined her phone was stationary from Dec. 31 until Jan. 2 at 3:14 a.m., when it turned off.

The unsealed court documents depict a troubled marriage and revealed new details about how Brian Walshe initially responded to investigators looking into his wife's disappearance.

Six days after Ana Walshe was last seen, a ransom note was sent to a local police detective, records show.

At his arraignment last week, prosecutors said his marriage was unraveling and he hired a private detective before she went missing because he suspected she was having an affair. Prosecutors also disclosed that he was the sole beneficiary of $2.7 million in life insurance that she had taken out.

Brian Walshe pleaded not guilty and was ordered held without bail.

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Pressley joins lawmakers, suggests Sen. Feinstein consider resigning

By Amanda Kaufman
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Massachusetts Representative Ayanna Pressley on Tuesday became the latest lawmaker to voice support publicly for Senator Dianne Feinstein to resign, joining other Democrats who have voiced concerns that the longtime California senator's absence has stalled Democrats from advancing judicial nominations.

During an interview on GBH's Boston Public Radio on Tuesday night, Pressley said Feinstein should resign if it's "impacting her ability to do the job."

"Certainly, I wish [Senator Feinstein] — who is a trailblazer in her own right and has ably and faithfully served in the Senate for many decades — I wish her well in her health and her recovery," Pressley said. "But I do think that if it's impacting her ability to do the job, I would support a resignation."

Feinstein, 89, a Democrat and member of the powerful Judiciary Committee, announced in early March that she was undergoing treatment for shingles and has remained absent from the Senate during her recovery.

In April, Feinstein said her intention is to return "as soon as possible," but asked majority leader Chuck Schumer to replace her temporarily on the committee. Senate Republicans then blocked Democrats' efforts to install Maryland Senator Ben Cardin as her replacement.

Pressley's comments came on the same day as New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democrat, posted on the social media platform Bluesky that Feinstein "should resign."

"Her refusal to either retire or show up is causing great harm to the judiciary — precisely where [reproductive] rights are getting stripped," Ocasio-Cortez wrote. "That failure means now in this precious window Dems can only pass GOP-approved nominees."

Feinstein, the oldest member of the Senate, has faced questions in recent years about her cognitive health and memory but has defended her effectiveness.

Other members of Congress calling on Feinstein to resign include Democratic Representatives Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, Ro Khanna of California, and Dean Phillips of Minnesota.

But others — of both parties — have supported Feinstein's wishes to remain in office.

Some Republicans, including Senator Susan Collins of Maine, accused Democrats of trying to force Feinstein to retire.

"I think she's been an extraordinary senator. She's a friend of mine," Collins said last month ahead of Schumer's attempt to replace Feinstein on the Judiciary Committee. "During the past two years, there has been a concerted campaign to force her off of the Judiciary Committee. And I think that's wrong, and I won't be a part of that."

REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLEY

'If it's impacting her ability to do the job, I would support a resignation.

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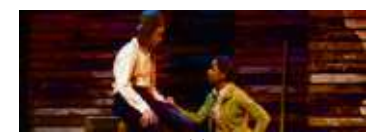

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Lowell to pay $13m to man wrongly convicted of arson

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Locke Bowman, another attorney who represented Rosario, said Lowell's decision to agree to the settlement "reflects an acknowledgment that what happened wasn't right."

Tearing up, Rosario urged city officials across the Commonwealth to "do your very best to not let what happened to me, in the future, be what happens to one more."

Standing proudly with his arm around Rosario Wednesday was his "brother exoneree," Natale Cosenza, who was awarded $8 million by a jury last fall after being wrongfully indicted in Worcester for armed burglary and assault in 2000. The city of Worcester, however, appealed the judgment in February, and Cosenza is still waiting on a ruling.

"It's an extreme, tough struggle we deal with, so I'm insanely proud and happy" for Rosario, Cosenza said. "My biggest hope is that Worcester looks at Lowell ... and decides to do the right thing."

Reflecting on the conclusion of his three-decade journey to freedom, Rosario painted a bittersweet picture of the highs and lows since his release. Most devastating was not being able to celebrate his freedom with his mother, who would periodically make the trip up from Puerto Rico to visit him in prison. She died in 2007. Even when he was first released on an ankle monitor, it plagued him that he couldn't "see her body and let her know that I'm here."

PAT GREENHOUSE/GLOBE STAFF

Victor Rosario held a photo of himself at 24, when he was convicted. Now 65, he was wrongfully convicted of arson and spent 32 years in prison.

But one source of reprieve was the passion for running that Rosario discovered while inside. Every year on his birthday, whatever age he was turning, he would take that many laps around the prison compound. His first year of total freedom, unconfined by prison walls or monitors, he said he ran from Brighton all the way to Lowell.

As he opens a new chapter, one that features more time with the four children and eight grandchildren he never had the opportunity to see grow up, Rosario said he's taking the joys of his new life one day at a time. He has no grandiose plans for the $13 million beyond using it "to help others in my position."

Instead, he said his focus as he comes to terms with the settlement is forgiving the investigators who worked to arrest and convict him all those years ago.

"One of the things about moving forward is learning how to forgive ... [otherwise] my life will always be in prison," he said. "Before, I was a survivor. Today, I'm living."

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Discovery may be first full-length elegy by Wheatley

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Not much is known about Wheatley's life before enslavement, but historians presume she was born in 1753 in West Africa. At age 7 or 8, a trader bought her from a local chief and brought her to Boston. John Wheatley, a wealthy local merchant, purchased the young girl for his wife, Susanna, and named her after the slave ship she arrived on, The Phillis.

The Wheatleys taught her to read and write, sowing the seeds for her literary abilities. After Phillis failed to secure an American publisher for her poetry book due to her race, she and her mistress' son, Nathaniel, traveled to London and made the connections to publish her work in 1773. Shortly afterward, Wheatley was emancipated and married John Peters, a pioneering freedman. She died destitute in 1784 at age 31.

Such a lack of knowledge about her life, Roberts said, made the discovery of the new poem even sweeter because it provides scholars with more clues about her relationships, day-to-day travels, and impact on communities throughout New England. "On the Death of Love Rotch" centers on Love Macy Rotch, a prominent white member of Nantucket's community.

Much of Wheatley's legacy has been tied to Boston. But this poem's 1767 publication date would place her earliest known activity in Nantucket and illustrate why some of her first printed works were published in the towns of New Bedford and Newport, R.I.

The poem leaves room to wonder about the young poet's ventures around Nantucket, which at the time was home to a free Black community called New Guinea.

"I like to imagine that if Phillis Wheatley was in Nantucket, she was walking along the streets there in New Guinea," and seeing the beginnings of what would become a thriving area for Black homeownership, Roberts said. "There's a lot going on in Nantucket beyond the eyes of the Rotches that she would have been invested in, and making community there."

Tara Bynum, an assistant professor of English and African American studies at the University of Iowa, said that people today often think of the enslaved through a lens of hopelessness and misery. The newly discovered poem, she said, provides more evidence that enslaved people could forge loving relationships, develop their own pastimes, or even find joy in poetry in spite of their lack of freedom.

"History is not this binary of Black suffering or Black joy," Bynum said. "Those can co-exist, and actually do co-exist in the lives of everyday Black people."

JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

A newly discovered poem from 1767 offers a fuller picture of Boston's Phillis Wheatley.

Roberts believes the discovery could show how Wheatley's poetry turned the Quaker community's abolitionist sentiments into concrete action. Depending on the interpretation, "On the Death of Love Rotch" communicates that everyone — enslaved, indentured, or free — should experience happiness while on Earth, instead of counting on it in the afterlife.

"There hasn't been such a focus on ... her influencing these early discussions among Quakers trying to finally get serious about abolition," Roberts said. "I think she's central to how they begin to change."

Attributed to "A Negro Girl about 15 years of age," the newly discovered poem can't yet be attributed to Wheatley or anyone with absolute certainty. But circulators of Wheatley's work often tagged her poetry with this descriptor, making Roberts confident that she is the author.

Despite the ambiguity, the encounter was a win-win situation, as Roberts put it. "We either have another Black poet or another Wheatley poem," she said.

In the same book, Roberts also found "The Black Rose," an unnamed elegy on the death of a Black woman named Rose. If it is Wheatley's work, it would be her only known elegy to a Black woman.

New analyses show how much Wheatley's relationship with bodies of thought have evolved over the years, said Joseph Rezek, an associate English professor at Boston University and director of its American and New England Studies program. Many Black artists of the '60s wrote her off as imitating white literature. But in the decades since '70s Black feminists reclaimed her work, people have connected Wheatley to British literature, trans-Atlantic literature, African American literature, and women's literature.

Amid Roberts' discovery, a collection of scholars, students, and stakeholders is also working on a year-long commemoration of Wheatley's contributions to American literature.

Last summer, Barbara McCaskill and Sarah Ruffing Robbins, the Lorraine Sherley professor of literature at Texas Christian University, noted that the 250th publishing anniversary of "Poems on Various Subjects" was approaching. They wondered how they could commemorate the historic milestone.

Their exchange led to the formation of the Wheatley Peters Project, a hybrid collection of events and initiatives aimed at honoring the figure's legacy. Since its January kickoff, they estimate that several dozen people have joined the core team, and at least 100 people have attended events, contributed materials, or led panel discussions.

"It's hard to count now because every week we get contacted by someone who wants to get involved," Robbins said. "Like Phillis Wheatley built networks, we're trying to build networks, too."

The project has transcended national borders, as scholars from Brazil, Scotland, and England have reached out to get involved. And this summer, Mona Narain, an English professor at Texas Christian and project co-director, is hosting a discussion in Rome to explore Wheatley's love for ancient writers like Horace, Ovid, and Virgil.

Narain said the international interest in Wheatley's work proves the poet's status as a "global citizen" and a true Bostonian. Because Boston is a city of immigrants, after all, she said.

Since the 1600s, "people from all over the world have made Boston the colorful, diverse, multilingual, and wonderful city it is" today, Narain said. "Wheatley represents its history, its contemporaries, but also the future of Boston."

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Miller, who covered Boston's Black community, leaving Banner

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and the community is deeply appreciated and will be sorely missed."

Following his April 27 announcement, Miller was praised for his journalism from community leaders and politicians, including some who he covered over the years.

State Representative Christopher J. Worrell said Miller brought "an important and underreported perspective to Boston print media throughout his tenure at the Banner."

"He fearlessly covered the stories that are significant to the lives of Black and brown Bostonians and created a model for our Black and brown young people who also have something to say," Worrell said.

In his column, Miller recounted his time at the Banner, from sweeping the office and cleaning toilets for a dollar a day and selling papers at the old Dudley Station for 15 cents, to his most recent role on the Banner's masthead.

He wrote his first articles for the Banner in the 1980s, and after graduating from Dartmouth College in 1990, worked on the business side of the paper. He went back to reporting and became managing editor in 1996. He later spent seven years working in the nonprofit sector and state government, occasionally writing freelance articles for the Banner, before he returned to the paper full time in 2013.

"I've learned that I love documenting [Boston's] events and talking with the people who have shaped this city," he wrote. "I've left the Banner before, and I know it will continue to thrive in my absence."

The Banner's mission, Miller said, is straightforward. In a city that has a lengthy history of racism and segregation, the paper is meant "to cover news that is of interest and important to Boston's Black community."

"We always try do so from the perspective of people who live in the community and represent the community," said Miller, who grew up in Roxbury in the area between Malcolm X Park and Franklin Park, and still calls the neighborhood home.

In his farewell column, Miller reflected on his long career at the paper, where he covered a wide range of issues, from opioid use to the charter school movement to Black Lives Matter demonstrations.

He recalled doing a story on racial profiling by the police, for which he drove through suburban Brookline in the late 1990s to determine how long it would take for police to pull over a Black motorist.

"We lasted 20 minutes before three cruisers boxed us in on Beacon Street," he wrote.

Miller also recalled some of the sweeping changes he'd witnessed over the years in Boston, as development and gentrification changed the face of his hometown. Corner stores turned into boutiques, apartments to condos to multimillion dollar townhouses, and Boston's Seaport went from an industrial expanse to a gleaming new neighborhood for the nouveau riche.

The paper also provided him with a front-row seat to the city's shifting politics, once dominated by Irish American male power brokers. In recent years the landscape has become much more diverse, with candidates of color breaking glass ceilings in elected offices.

For Miller, the Banner "provided me a remarkable vantage point on the growth and evolution of the city I have called home for my almost entire life."

The Rev. Eugene Rivers called Miller "an exceptionally talented journalist." And while Rivers did not always agree with the Banner, he said he appreciated the paper's commitment "to ensuring that the Black community always had a sophisticated voice and perspective in Yawu Miller."

"He has served this city and his community admirably and for this he must be saluted," he said.

Joyce Ferriabough Bolling, a Boston political consultant, hailed Miller as one of the best policy-focused writers working in Boston.

"He dug deep when he wrote," she said. "He was able to take the issue and break it down to where it was understandable."

With new ownership, Ferriabough Bolling said she knew change was going to come to the paper, but added "I do hate to see Yawu leave the Banner."

State Representative Russell E. Holmes, who described Miller as a cordial gentleman who continues to be a voice for Boston's Black community, said he hopes Miller continues to write.

"Every time he's written about me, whether it's good or bad, he's been fair," Holmes said.

Miller did not specify what he will do next but said that he would remain active in journalism. "Experience has shown me it's the only profession I'm fit to work in," Miller wrote. "I'll soon announce my next assignment."

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On Nantucket, 'move to Cape Cod' sticker riles officials

By Shannon Larson
GLOBE STAFF

The bumper sticker, with its hardline message about affordable housing, was addressed anonymously to the Nantucket Select Board last week, and it didn't take long for it to ignite outrage.

"If you want affordable housing, move to Cape Cod where you belong," the sticker read.

With affordable housing ranking among the state's most contentious issues, particularly on the Cape and Islands, the exclusive sentiment struck a nerve on Nantucket, where the cost of real estate has surged during the pandemic.

Longtime residents have been priced out, and the scarcity of housing has left schools and businesses struggling to hire workers or keep the ones they have.

"It really infuriates me," Jason Bridges, chair of the select board, said of the bumper sticker's mean-spirited message during a meeting on April 26.

In a video of the meeting, he poses a series of questions to the sparse crowd that underscored the financial struggles some residents are facing and their effect on the community.

"Do you like going to Stop & Shop and buying food?" Bridges asked. "Do you like going to the post office and having somebody wait on you so you can mail something? Do you like someone taking your blood at the hospital when you need to get bloodwork if you have a medical issue? Do you like someone filling your propane tank in the winter? Well, we need housing for people to do these things."

Bridges held up the bumper sticker for the audience to see. Reading the message aloud, he said that even if the phrase "move to Cape Cod" was intended to be funny, it signaled that Nantucket is not a welcoming place.

"It is insensitive at best," he said. "I just don't understand why you would think that when there are third-generation Nantucketers that are in affordable housing here and have a family and are secure and safe. So this kind of stuff — I'll stay professional about it — but it really infuriates me."

> 'If you want affordable housing, move to Cape Cod where you belong.'
>
> A BUMPER STICKER, *which was addressed anonymously to the Nantucket Select Board*

"Of course it was anonymous," he added. "No one's going to say who did it."

The Nantucket Current reported first on the bumper sticker and ensuing debate.

Other board members expressed similar concerns. Brooke Mohr said she was "angry, but mostly sad."

"That attitude expressed in the bumper sticker makes me mostly sad that there are still people in our community who feel as though some people in our community should somehow be voted off the island," she said. "They are part of us."

Of the 25 cities and towns in Massachusetts that saw the largest percentage increase in median home prices over the past five years, 15 are on Cape Cod and the Islands. On Nantucket, the median sale price has climbed from $1.3 million in 2017 to $2.5 million in 2022, a 92 percent jump.

Overall, Nantucket faces a "pervasive housing crisis" that continues to worsen, according to Housing Nantucket, a group seeking "equitable housing solutions for Nantucket's year-round community."

Homeownership is prohibitive for "90 percent of year-round residents, and reasonably priced rentals have become nearly extinct," the organization states on its website. "Nantucket's expensive homes, limited range of housing, small employment base, and abundance of protected land help to explain its extremes: affluence on one hand, and seasonal workers with very low paying jobs on the other hand."

This weekend, Nantucket voters will consider a permanent $6.5 million annual tax override for affordable housing projects, the Nantucket Current reported. Over the past five years, residents have voted to allocate more than $67 million in taxpayer funds for such initiatives, according to the newspaper.

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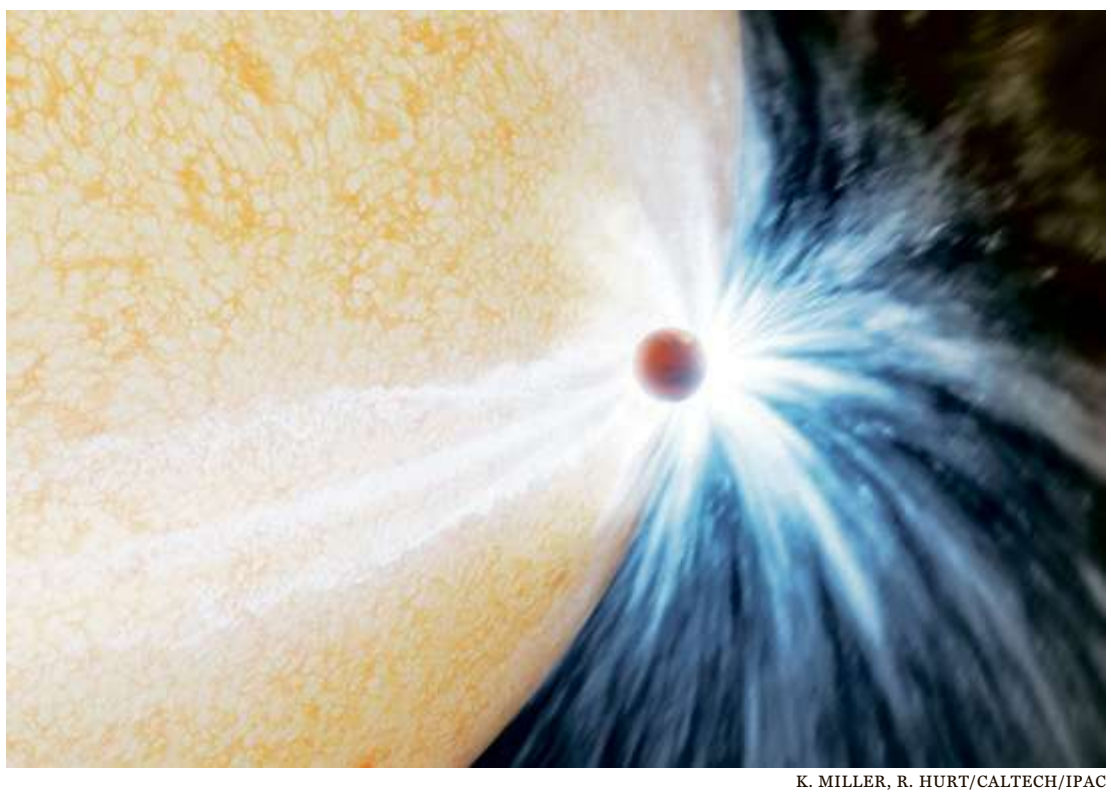

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In this artist's rendition, a doomed planet is depicted skimming the surface of its star. Researchers say they have observed the process for the first time.

Scientists hail apparent discovery of star consuming its planet

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final fate of the Earth — five billion years from now, fortunately," De said.

The discovery came after scientists scrutinized "a short-lived optical outburst in the Galactic disk accompanied by bright and long-lived infrared emission," the study's abstract said. The scientists deduced that what they saw could only have been produced by one event: a star engulfing a nearby planet, MIT said.

"We weren't quite looking for this," said De. "We were looking for similar things but not quite this. And, like a lot of discoveries in science, this happened to be an accidental discovery that really opened our eyes to a new type of phenomenon."

"This is just spectacular," coauthor Mansi Kasliwal, a professor of astronomy at Caltech, said in a statement from her university. "We are still amazed that we caught a star in the act of ingesting its planet."

MIT said the discovery was made possible by observations from Caltech's Palomar Observatory in California, the Keck Observatory in Hawaii, and NASA's infrared space telescope, NEOWISE.

"We never thought we were going to see a planet in the process of digestion. I think it's a great discovery," said astrophysicist Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, who was not involved in the study.

Ramirez-Ruiz, a professor at the University of California Santa Cruz, said scientists knew that the process happened, but they thought "it was going to be incredibly difficult to see it. ... Either we got incredibly lucky or the rate of these events is higher than we expected."

> 'This is just spectacular. We are still amazed that we caught a star in the act of ingesting its planet.'
>
> MANSI KASLIWAL, *professor of astronomy at Caltech*

"Wow! That is my first reaction," Amanda Karakas, an astrophysicist at Monash University in Australia who was not involved in the study, said in an e-mail to The Washington Post. "It certainly provides clues as to what will happen to the planets in our solar system and the Earth, many years from now."

The findings are "very plausible," Carole Haswell, an astrophysicist at Britain's Open University, who was not involved in the study, told The Associated Press. Haswell led a team in 2010 that used the Hubble Space Telescope to identify the star WASP-12 in the process of eating its planet.

"This is a different sort of eating. This star gobbled a whole planet in one gulp," Haswell said in an e-mail. "In contrast, WASP-12 b and the other hot Jupiters we have previously studied are being delicately licked and nibbled."

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NOTICE TO ALL POLICYHOLDERS, CREDITORS, AND CLAIMANTS HAVING BUSINESS WITH UNITED PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,

IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2023 CA 000320

In Re: The Receivership of UNITED PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY a Florida corporation authorized to transact insurance business.

You are hereby notified that by order of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County, Florida, entered on the 27th day of February 2023, the Department of Financial Services of the State of Florida was appointed as Receiver of UNITED PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY and was ordered to liquidate the assets of the company.

Policyholders, claimants, creditors, and other persons having claims against the assets of UNITED PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY shall **present such claims** to the Department **on or before** Wednesday, February 27, 2024, or such claims may be considered late-filed.

Requests for forms for the presentation of such claims concerning this Receivership should be addressed to: The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Rehabilitation and Liquidation, Receiver of United Property and Casualty Insurance Company, 325 John Knox Road, Atrium Building, Suite 101, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. Additional information may be found at: www.myfloridacfo.com/division/receiver

Removal of Public Shade Trees
City of Waltham, Consolidated Public Works

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on Friday, May 19th, 2023 at 10:00 am at 167 Lexington St, Waltham, MA., to consider the removal of the following public tree(s):

• 25 Tolman Street: 16" Norway maple, Curb cut for new driveway, Contractor to reimburse tree planting fund with $2400

The tree(s) identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing to the City Tree Warden, prior to or during the hearing. Anonymous letter will not be considered. The mailing address for the City Tree Warden is; CPW Department, Forestry Division, City of Waltham, 167 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA 02452-4638; phone: 781-314-3850 email: kthompson@city.waltham.ma.us

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Housing Authority of the City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island invites proposals for Architectural and Engineering Services for all facilities of the Woonsocket Housing Authority.

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on May 19, 2023, at the Woonsocket Housing Authority, Attn: Karen Bruyere, 679 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895.

The RFQ package is available on line at www.woonsockethousing.org in Bid Opportunities under the Procurement heading. Questions regarding the RFQ should be directed to Karen Bruyere at kbruyere@woonsockethousing.org.

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LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: 23 SM 001792

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **John C. Emberley, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Alfred H. Emberley Jr. a/k/a Alfred Henry Emberley, Jr. a/k/a Alfred Emberley, Jr., Karen D. McKeon and Shannon T. Ewer**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq)*

Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Waltham numbered 17 Mokema Avenue, given by Alfred H. Emberley Jr. a/k/a Alfred Henry Emberley, Jr. a/k/a Alfred Emberley, Jr. to Sovereign Bank, N.A., dated August 10, 2012, and recorded in Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59806, Page 352, and now held by Plaintiff by merger, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 6/12/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 4/26/2023.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

C.A. No. 23-10513

MERRI-MAR YACHT BASIN, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.

M/V SEGUE (O.N. 1052422) also known as
M/V IT WAS ALL A DREAM (NH2542VH)
her engines, boilers, tackle, tender and appurtenances, *in rem*, and
EMILIO MATARAZZO, SILVIA MARIE JAIMAN, CANDICE C. RAYMOND and STEPHEN A. RAYMOND,
Defendants.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ACTION AND ARREST

On March 7, 2023, a Verified Complaint was filed by Merri-Mar Yacht Basin, Inc. in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, C.A. No. 23- 10513, against the Emilio Matarazzo, Silvia Marie Jaiman, Candice C. Raymond and Stephen A. Raymond and M/V SEGUE also known as M/V IT WAS ALL A DREAM (NH2542VH), *in rem*, seeking the condemnation and sale of said vessel for the purpose of applying the proceeds of said sale toward charges to the vessel. In accordance with said Complaint, a warrant of arrest of said vessel was issued. The warrant of arrest was executed on April 3, 2023, when said vessel was arrested and attached at Merri-Mar Yacht Basin, Inc. in Newburyport, Massachusetts, by the United States Marshals. Any person having an interest in said vessel, in order to protect or assert said interest or claim during the proceeding, must file a verified claim within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice and serve its answer within twenty-one (21) days after the filing of the claim.

All inquiries should be directed to Attorney David S. Smith 978-744-8918 or dsmith@fsofirm.com

LEGAL NOTICE

DATE FILED: April 18, 2023

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON May 23, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2023-10. **Petitioner/ Owner:** Ronald Ponchak & Maura Sullivan. **Nature of Appeal/Petition:** Application for Variance. **Subject Matter:** To allow for the construction of a three-season room/porch at the rear of the home that will replace an existing unroofed deck. **Location and Zoning District:** 128 Chaffee Avenue; Residence A-4 Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved:** §4.11. **Specific Relief Sought:** Petitioner requires a variance for a proposed three-season room/porch that will sit 19.6 feet from the rear yard lot line, where 30 feet is required, and a proposed lot coverage of 28.7% where 25% is allowed. Petitioner also seeks to confirm the following pre-existing non-conforming setbacks: Two side yard setbacks of 9 feet and 14.8 feet where 15 feet is required and front-yard setback of 23.1 feet where 25 feet is required. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS:** Mark Hickernell, John Sergi, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux, Stephen Taranto. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

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DATE FILED: April 18, 2023

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON May 23, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2023-11. **Petitioner:** Deon Butler & Lauren Hubacheck. **Owner:** Deon Butler, Lauren Hubacheck, & Barbara Hubacheck. **Nature of Appeal/Petition:** Application for Dimensional Variances. **Subject Matter:** The locus consists of an oddly shaped parcel of land located at the intersection of Valley View Road and Oakley Lane with an existing one-story ranch style house located thereon. The Petitioner proposes to construct, use, and maintain a second level to the existing home, as well as a new, attached two-car garage at the southerly end of the house, requiring variances from the front and side yard setback requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. **Location and Zoning District:** 35 Valley View Road is located in a Residence A-3 Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved:** § 4.11 and § 4.228. **Specific Relief Sought:** In the Residence A-3 Zoning District, § 4.11 requires a front yard setback of 25 feet and side yard setbacks of 15 feet. Further, § 4.228 provides that corner lots shall apply the front yard setback requirement to side yards to an intersecting street. Here, the Petitioner proposes a front yard setback (Oakley Lane) of 19.6 feet and a westerly side yard setback of 14.2 feet. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS:** Mark Hickernell, John Sergi, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux, Stephen Taranto. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

LEGAL NOTICE
(SEAL)

Application for transfer of a Liquor License

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has made an application to the Board of License Commissioners, City of Waltham, for a transfer of a Liquor License. License is to be exercised on the premises known and numbered 434 Moody Street.

By: Peppinos Dosa Inc.
d/b/a: Peppinos Dosa
Manager: Harkamal Vraitch

This application will be heard by the Waltham Board of License Commissioners at a public meeting to be held on May 24, 2023 in the Public Meeting Room at Government Center, 119 School Street, Waltham.

All meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

Waltham License Commission
Wayne F. Brasco, Chairman
Kevin Ritcey
Kenneth W. Sumner

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(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
22 SM 003897
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Mary Clark

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Billerica, numbered 12 Priscilla Lane, given by Norman R. Clark, Mary Clark to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 14, 2007, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21247, Page 28, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 30, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 19, 2022.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22847

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
22 SM 003766
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:Jason Moore

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Boston (Dorchester), numbered 274 1/2 Norfolk Street, given by Jason Moore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Intercontinental Capital Group, Inc., dated October 11, 2019, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 61908, Page 90, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 23, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 9, 2022.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22-003145

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 23 SM 001791
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Dalida C. Val; Jean D. Sanon

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Hyde Park (Boston), numbered 11 Kovey Road, given by Dalida C. Val, Jean D. Sanon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMH Mortgage Services LLC, dated January 12, 2018, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 59016, Page 109, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before June 12, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on April 26, 2023.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23706

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: 23 SM 001761

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Steven C. Fustolo**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq)*

US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Boston, numbered 115 Salem Street, Unit 11 of the 115 Salem Street Condominium, given by Steven C. Fustolo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, dated January 7, 2008, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 42950, Page 276, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 06/12/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 04/25/2023.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

LEGAL NOTICE

DATE FILED: April 19, 2023

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON May 23, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2023-12. **Petitioner/Owner:** Robert M. Ryan. **Nature of Appeal/Petition:** Amend prior decision. **Subject Matter:** The Petitioner intends to construct, use, and maintain a one story detached garage onto the locus with the existing single-family residence. The proposed garage meets all dimensional requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. **Location and Zoning District:** 5 Arbor Lane; Residence A-3 Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved:** § 7.2. **Specific Relief Sought:** In case #2013-01, the Board of Appeals granted a special permit to the Petitioner to alter a non-conforming structure. Condition #2 of the Notice of Decision provided that all construction and use of the property shall be in substantial accordance with the plans referenced therein. The Petitioner requests an amendment of said condition so that all construction and use of the premises shall now conform to the plans submitted herewith. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS:** Mark Hickernell, John Sergi, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux, Stephen Taranto. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

LEGAL NOTICE
(SEAL)

APPLICATION FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 140 Section 183A, notice is hereby given that The Waltham Board of License Commissioners has received an application for a Live Entertainment Permit from: Aldo One Eleven LLC DBA Davinci Restaurant

To be exercised within the premises at: 482 Moody Street, Waltham MA 02453.

The days and hours applied for are: Friday-Saturday 8PM to 12PM. The type of entertainment requested is: Live Entertainment-Acoustic, Jaaz DJ Karaoke

A public hearing on the above request will be held by the Waltham Board of License Commissioners, at their meeting to be held on May 24, 2023 in the Government Center, 119 School Street, 02451.

All meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

Waltham License Commission
Wayne F. Brasco, Chairman
Kevin Ritcey
Kenneth W. Sumner

LEGAL NOTICE
(SEAL)

Notice of application for transfer of a
Common Victualer License

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter140 section 6, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has made an application to the Board of License Commissioners, City of Waltham, for the transfer of a Common Victualer License.

License is to be exercised on the premises known and numbered 434 Moody Street Weekdays 8AM To 1AM, Sundays 11:30am to 12:00 Midnight. Consisting of approximately 1557 sq. ft, with dining room area, bar and kitchen on first floor, full basement consisting of approximately 1035 sq ft for preparation area and dry storage, with seating for 70

By: Peppinos Dosa Inc.
d/b/a: Peppinos Dosa
Manager: Jaswant Singh

This application will be heard by the Waltham Board of License Commissioners at a public meeting to be held on May 24, 2023 in the Public Meeting Room at Government Center, 119 School Street, Waltham.

All meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

Waltham License Commission
Wayne F. Brasco, Chairman
Kevin Ritcey
Kenneth W. Sumner

If you have information about an entity named Nicholas Applegate, with a tax ID # ending in 4897, which was a claimant in SEC v Structural Dynamics, Case # c-1-97-03523 USDC for the Southern District of Ohio, please contact Joan Willis at JWillis@ctks.com.

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ART

ICA names Erickson new chief curator

By Cate McQuaid
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The Institute of Contemporary Art has announced a changing of the guard. As of June 1, Ruth Erickson will take over from Eva Respini as chief curator and director of curatorial affairs.

Erickson (inset) is a familiar face at the ICA. She started at the museum as an assistant curator in 2014, and has risen through the ranks. Last summer, she was appointed senior curator. She has organized major exhibitions such as last year's "To Begin Again: Artists and Childhood," and solo shows spotlighting María Berrío, Barbara Kruger, and Wangechi Mutu, among others. In 2021, she was awarded a Center for Curatorial Leadership fellowship.

"I am thrilled to expand my work at the ICA, a place I know well and love deeply," she said in a statement.

Respini, who came to the museum in 2015, will announce her future plans in the coming weeks. In her time at the ICA, she has overseen an expansion in programming, opening the Watershed satellite space for immersive artworks in East Boston in 2018. She garnered international attention as curator and co-commissioner of the US Pavilion's Simone Leigh presentation for the 59th Venice Biennale in 2022 — a project now on view at the ICA in the artist's first-ever survey show, organized by Respini.

The two curators have worked closely together on exhibitions such as "When Home Won't Let You Stay: Migration through Contemporary Art" in 2019. Respini will be on hand as a guest curator for multidisciplinary artist Firelei Báez's first museum survey show.

In a statement, ICA director Jill Medvedow said she is "positively elated" about Erickson's appointment. She continued: "As an art historian and a humanist, Ruth will lead with a keen eye, open heart, and clear vision for justice and the ways in which art, artists, and museums can make meaning, build community, and inspire hope and change."

The curator's next show, "Guadalupe Maravilla: Mariposa Relámpago," opens May 25 at the Watershed. Maravilla, a Salvadoran artist, uses found objects, natural materials, and more to fashion instruments and places of spiritual healing. The ICA has commissioned a major work from the artist — a vibrational healing instrument made from a school bus. The show focuses on themes of community and care.

Cate McQuaid can be reached at catemcquaid@gmail.com. Follow her on Twitter @cmcq.

Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month around Boston

By Abigail Lee
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Greater Boston is home to a diverse Asian American Pacific Islander community, whose heritages contribute to the area's rich cultural tapestry. May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and local organizations and cultural leaders are coming together to celebrate the various traditions of Boston's AAPI residents. Here are eight events to check out.

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From top: Stephanie Hsu, Michelle Yeoh, and Ke Huy Quan in "Everything Everywhere All at Once"; composer Emily Koh (left) and director Mo Zhou of "HER | alive.un.dead"; a scene from last year's Boston Road Runners AAPI 5K.

GBH AAPI Programming GBH and GBH World will present a number of AAPI stories through television programming throughout the month. Catch "American Masters" documentaries about artistic pioneers Amy Tan and Nam June Paik, and explorations of significant moments in Asian American history ranging from anti-Asian hate during the pandemic ("Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March") to a 1900 bubonic plague outbreak ("Plague at the Golden Gate"). GBH also hosts a community event, "The Invisible Becoming Visible," on May 22 with two panels that feature local AAPI government officials, artists, and business people. There are options to register in-person or virtually. *TV schedule: May 2-29. "The Invisible Becoming Visible": May 22, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. GBH Studios, 1 Guest St. wgbh.org/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month*

15th Annual Unity Dinner The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American and Pacific Islanders Commission honors the work of AAPI artists, community leaders, and activists in the Bay State for the 15th year. Seven individuals will receive the Unsung Hero award, which recognizes underappreciated achievements. The dinner will also include dance performances and two exhibits. *May 6, 5:30-9:30 p.m. $100-1,000. Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, 210 Morrissey Blvd. aapicommission.org/unity-dinner/*

Asian Street Food and Music Festival Head over to Harvard Square for a showcase of Asian culture and heritage hosted by the nonprofit Harvard Square Philippine American Alliance. The event is part of a larger spring festival, the Harvard Square Business Association's 38th annual Mayfair. Watch musical performances, browse crafts vendors, and enjoy a range of food and drinks — all in celebration of the vibrancy of Asian culture. *May 7, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Church Street Parking Lot, 41 Church St., Cambridge. hspaa.org/event/asian-street-food-music-festival/*

World Premiere Opera at Pao Arts Center Watch the world premiere of "HER | alive.un.dead," an opera by Singaporean composer Emily Koh about the identity conflicts and familial relationships of Chinese-American women in Western cultures. Co-produced with Guerilla Opera, Pao Arts Center in Chinatown will stage the multilingual, non-linear show for one weekend. *May 12-14, 8-9 p.m. $15-$55. Pao Arts Center, 99 Albany St. paoartscenter.org/events/2023/her-aliveundead-by-emily-koh*

"Everything Everywhere All at Once" in IMAX Loved this year's best picture winner and want to see it again? Rediscover "Everything Everywhere All at Once" at the Museum of Science's IMAX screenings. The museum presents the film with the Boston Asian American Film Festival as an anniversary celebration to honor 15 years of the festival. Take your pick of the three Saturday screenings and enjoy Emerson College alums Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert's story of a Chinese American woman (Oscar winner Michelle Yeoh) and her encounter with the multiverse. *May 13-27, 7 p.m. $15. Mugar Omni Theater, 1 Science Park. mos.org/explore/omni/everything-everywhere*

AAPI Women in Government Discussion Three AAPI women working in local government will be in conversation about their career paths, personal achievements and obstacles, and recommendations for others who want to run for office. The speakers are Erika Uyterhoeven, state representative for the 27th Middlesex District in Somerville; Yasmin Padamsee Forbes, executive director of the Asian American and Pacific Islanders Commission for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Nina Liang, Quincy city councilor-at-large. The event is hosted by the Boston chapter of Women in National Association of Asian American Professionals and civic education initiative Mabel's Ride. *May 18, 6:30 p.m. Free. Workbar Boston, 24 School St., second floor. eventbrite.com/e/aapi-women-in-government-tickets-622612399447?aff =ebdssbdest-search*

Boston Road Runners AAPI 5K Participate in this 5K race at Carson Beach to fund-raise for local Asian American nonprofits such as the Asian Community Development Corporation, Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, and Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. Hosted by Boston Road Runners, there is a virtual option for runners who can't make it in person. Not interested in running but still want to be involved? Sign up to volunteer behind the scenes or at the race itself. The registration deadline is May 5, after which the sign-up fee increases. *May 20, 8-10:30 a.m. $30-$35. Carson Beach. bostonroadrunners.org/aapi-5k*

Opera Night at the Boston Public Library Boston Lyric Opera partners with the Boston Public Library to host reflections on the representation of Asian artists and stories in opera through performances and a discussion led by the opera's artistic adviser, Nina Yoshida Nelsen. The event carries on The Butterfly Process, the opera's initiative to create open dialogue about "Madama Butterfly" and its racial stereotypes. The performances will include selections from "Madama Butterfly," which will open BLO's 2023-24 season, as well as contemporary opera pieces. *May 25, 6-7 p.m. Free. Boston Public Library, Central Library in Copley Square, Rabb Lecture Hall, 700 Boylston St. blo.org/event/opera-night-bpl/*

Abigail Lee can be reached at abigail.lee@globe.com.

Lessons from a spelling champ and world record-holder

By Meredith Goldstein
GLOBE STAFF

Do you remember when Zaila Avant-garde won the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee, which aired on ESPN?

Her winning word was "Murraya" (that's a plant). She spoke the letters and realized she'd won. Then she spun in a circle and jumped up and down. It looked like pure joy. Cue the confetti.

Avant-garde, now 16, is also a basketball player, and it's not an activity she takes lightly. She's already a Guinness World Record-holder for the "most bounce juggles in one minute using four basketballs." She also shares the Guinness title for "most basketballs dribbled simultaneously — one person" (six balls). When Avant-garde gets into something, she tends to become very good at it.

Avant-garde came out with a book this week called "It's Not Bragging If It's True," a guide to "how to be awesome at life." A week before publication, she took an interview via Zoom about the memoir/manual and how she hopes it will help people do better, even if they're not good at everything all the time.

The confetti flew after Zaila Avant-garde won the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

JOHN RAOUX/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Q. When you wrote this book, who was the reader you had in mind? Can grown-ups get something out of this book too?
A. Officially it was geared toward preteens and teenagers ... but I definitely was leaving my options open for anybody to read it, because I want anybody to be able to read any book and take lessons. Even now I will actually sometimes — don't tell anybody this [laughs] — read like little children's books, because sometimes [they] get their messages across really clearly, as opposed to some pedantic grown-up thing where they have to use 20 words to say the exact same thing.

Q. You write about finding escape in media — that it's a good way to take a break. Can you talk about how stopping to watch TV or to listen to Terry Gross (you write that you're a fan) is an important part of being a successful person in the world?
A. You can't do anything for 24 straight hours. It's probably hard to do anything for *six* straight hours. For example, when I was studying for Scripps, I tried to remember, every 30 minutes or so, to take a screen break. I have slightly bad eyes, so I can't just be staring at a computer screen. Also, [I'd try] to

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back up a little bit, look around, talk to a family member. Take a break for a second because it will help you do what you're trying to do better.

Q. There's a lesson in your book about boosting other people. Does complimenting other people and validating their talents add to your feelings of success?
A. It's extremely important because as everybody goes through their day, even the most celebrity of all celebrities — like Michael Jordan — needs to hear, "Hey, you're great." Honestly, you're constantly being told you're not good enough. When I was studying for Scripps, I would participate in these online [competitions] and sometimes I'd get a fourth or a third place, and that might sound great, but it doesn't feel great. My tutor reminded me that I was one of the best spellers out there, and that was really helpful for me — somebody just to remind me after I got knocked down.

Q. One of the most important lessons in the book is defining what success looks like to you. Success could look like having downtime. For me, like in the early days of COVID, it was learning how to make one meal — because I'm a bad cook. Can you speak to how people can define success in a healthier way?
A. I learned to really appreciate that in the early days of COVID — smaller successes. Before, I'd only be like, "Oh, I won a championship; that's a success." But in the early days of COVID, Scripps got canceled, and I was in a really bad place, especially since I probably had COVID. I was never diagnosed with it or anything, but I probably did have [it] since I had COVID brain, worst of all. I lost my sense of taste and I like to eat, so that's a problem. Something I'll always remember is the moment, when I was recovering, I ate breakfast. I actually tasted it. I thought that seemed like a really small thing, but that really rejuvenated me, and I was just so happy.

Q. Many of us — especially women, in my experience (not to generalize too much) — have trouble admitting we're great. We can be bad at accepting compliments. How can we stop ourselves from apologizing for being great?
A. I honestly might not be the best person to ask this question. Because a lot of my unique personality traits can be explained by the fact that I was homeschooled. In my home, I was actively taught not to do that. My father was like very aware of that. He was raised by his mom and his sister. I would get a compliment at 4 or 5 years old, and an immediate stop was put to [my self-deprecating talk]. He would tell me, "We're not doing that." When people say you did a great job, I say "Yeah, I know, right?"

IT'S NOT BRAGGING IF IT'S TRUE: How to Be Awesome at Life
By Zaila Avant-garde, Random House Books for Young Readers, $17.99.

Interview was edited and condensed. Meredith Goldstein writes the Love Letters advice column. She can be reached at Meredith.Goldstein@Globe.com.

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Most valuable response

GARY WASHBURN
ON BASKETBALL

They hardened stance, played like champs

It's amazing what happens when the Celtics are focused, when they spend 48 hours having their pride challenged and pondering their season on the brink following another disheartening loss.

The fortitude was evident throughout. There were no drop-offs. Marcus Smart nearly broke the ankle of Philadelphia's P.J. Tucker leaping for a loose ball with no hesitation. Smart later suffered a stinger and cut his lip when Joel Embiid pounced on him chasing another loose ball.

The 3-pointers fell. The defense was vastly improved from Game 1, but most importantly the Celtics excelled because they played harder than the Philadelphia 76ers. They wanted Game 2 more. They played with desperation.

It's the type of desperation they should display more often, because this is the playoffs and the Celtics have the talent to win the championship. Wednesday's 121-87 win proved that.

"Angry, pissed," was coach Joe Mazzulla's response when asked about the team's mentality between games. "We just managed the game well. Our defensive presence led to our offense and good offense led to our defense."

The question is consistency. Not that the Celtics should be

ON BASKETBALL, Page C7

JIM DAVIS/GLOBE STAFF

Joel Embiid returned for his first game since April 20, and since he was named MVP, but struggled for just 15 points.

CHRISTOPHER L. GASPER

A rusty Embiid hardly registered in return

Welcome back, Joel. It's not a knee-jerk reaction to say it's the same as it ever was for you against the Celtics — another playoff loss.

The Philadelphia 76ers gained the advantage inside with the return of center Joel Embiid. It didn't matter because the Celtics regained the advantage from outside, blitzing the Sixers with a barrage of threes (20 for 51 from 3-point range), led by six from Malcolm Brogdon. Embiid's sprained right knee and his pride were both wounded after a 121-87 loss Wednesday that saw him relegated to spectator for the final quarter of a TD Garden dismantling.

For all his individual brilliance, the newly-minted NBA Most Valuable Player sports a 1-9 record against the Celtics in the 10 playoff games he has played. Rinse and repeat.

Embiid finally owns the coveted MVP hardware, but the Celtics still possess his playoff number. Boston eliminated the uber-talented Embiid and the Sixers in the Eastern Conference semifinals in five games in 2018 and swept them in the first round in the COVID bubble in 2020, despite Embiid registering 30 points per game.

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JIM DAVIS/GLOBE STAFF

Joel Embiid's return from injury did little to slow the Celtics, as Al Horford, Jayson Tatum, and company blew open Wednesday's game in the third quarter.

Celtics roll in Game 2, even series

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

Marcus Smart walked off the court with a bag of ice on his right shoulder, his lip bloodied, his bruised chest covered with protective padding. If it looked like he had just been through some things, it's because he had.

About 30 minutes later, still in uniform, downing handfuls of his signature cereal in the Celtics locker room, Smart summed up his predicament.

"I'm sore as [expletive]," he said, smiling.

The Celtics knew that to get back into this second-round series against the 76ers, they would need to once again embrace their physical, defense-minded approach that might leave some marks, but would also give them the best chance.

And while their 3-point barrage was certainly helpful, one player after another pointed to the gritty, relentless defensive effort as the primary reason for their resounding 121-87 win that knotted these conference semifinals, 1-1.

"Our defense has been slipping," Smart said, "and we just wanted to come out and get back to what we do best."

The win was important, and its thoroughness should help soothe the nerves of fans who were rattled by Philadelphia's stunning Game 1 win without injured center Joel Embiid.

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HE KNOWS THE DRILL

For Turner, the hit-by-pitch is part of his game

By Alex Speier
GLOBE STAFF

Justin Turner approaches home plate with a sense of ownership. The 38-year-old Red Sox DH brazenly sets his back foot across the inner line of the right-handed batter's box, daring pitchers to attack him inside.

He is well aware of the risks. When a 96-mile-per-hour fastball from Tigers lefthander Matt Manning strayed during a spring training game March 6, it marked the second time Turner had been hit in the face, the first time having been as a college player.

Yet within two weeks, Turner was back in the box, with no change to his approach. He has been hit four times this year, and has walked almost as often (14 times) as he has struck out (17) en route to a .360 on-base percentage while batting third in the lineup.

"It's crazy! You're telling me that's not crazy?" marveled longtime teammate Kenley Jansen. "That guy got hit in his face again — again! — and

TURNER, Page C4

GERALD HERBERT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taking a pitch to the face in a spring game did not alter Justin Turner's plate approach.

Sox beat Jays again for fifth straight win

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 8
Blue Jays 3

Late last season, after yet another loss to the Blue Jays, Red Sox manager Alex Cora had a message for his club planted in their reality.

They had just lost at Toronto, 10-0, and would ultimately get swept, finishing the season 3-16 against the Blue Jays. That didn't sit well with Cora.

"Next year we have to show up against the division because I haven't seen anything like this," Cora said. "They dominated us this year."

But as Monday's series opener approached, the Red Sox made it clear that this is a different season.

The Sox matched their 2022 win total against the Jays with an 8-3 victory on Wednesday night at Fenway Park and will have a chance at a sweep Thursday.

"It's good, man," Cora said of the

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Vrabel elected to Patriots Hall

By Jim McBride
GLOBE STAFF

Mike Vrabel is in with the in crowd.

One of the most versatile players in Patriots history, Vrabel is heading to the franchise's Hall of Fame after topping a three-man finalist ticket ahead of Bill Parcells and Logan Mankins.

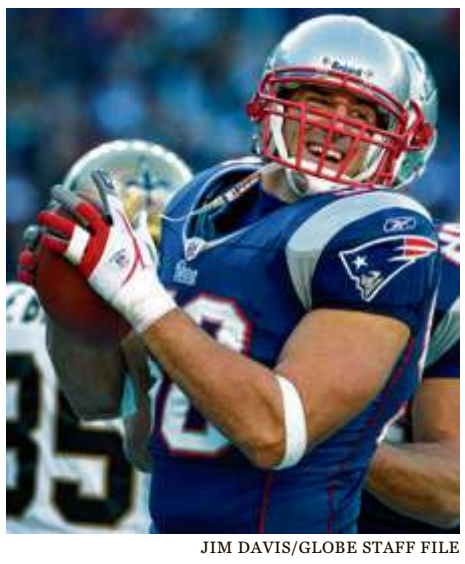
Vrabel reached the final three in each of the last six years, finishing behind Kevin Faulk, Raymond Clayborn, Matt Light, Rodney Harrison, Richard Seymour, and Vince Wilfork.

Vrabel, 47, who is head coach of the Titans, played in New England from 2001-08 and won three Super Bowls. He is the 34th Patriots Hall honoree and the eighth with three Super Bowl rings, along with Faulk, Light, Seymour, Willie McGinest, Tedy Bruschi, Troy Brown, and Ty Law.

"You represent everything that every team would be privileged to have," Patriots owner Robert Kraft told Vrabel during a video call Wednesday. "So, congratulations."

"I feel blessed," said Vrabel. "I feel honored because I know the people, the contributors, the players, and the coaches that are in that Hall of Fame."

Following four seasons with the Steelers in which he was used mostly on special teams and as a reserve linebacker, Vrabel saw his career take off with the Patriots.



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Mike Vrabel played mostly at linebacker but also caught 10 touchdown passes as a tight end for the Patriots.

Vrabel played both inside and outside linebacker. In addition, he often lined up as a tight end in short-yardage situations and had 10 career receptions (including two in the postseason), all of which went for touchdowns.

In 2018, Bill Belichick remembered Vrabel as a player who "could go all day, loved to play, loved to practice."

"He loved to play on the scout team defense," said Belichick. "He'd be their best rusher, he'd play middle linebacker, he'd play free safety, strong safety. [Troy] Polamalu, Ed Reed, [Dwight] Freeney — whoever we were playing, he would love to be those guys against our offense and then he'd take all the snaps on defense."

Vrabel was named a first-team All-Pro and a Pro Bowler in 2007, when the Patriots became the first team to win 18 consecutive games in one season.

"Obviously this is an unbelievable honor to be associated with the people in that Hall," Vrabel told Kraft during the call. "And thank you. You don't think it's a big deal until you get called, and obviously, I'm very honored."

At this year's induction ceremony, Vrabel will join longtime assistant Dante Scarnecchia, who was named as a contributor by Kraft at last month's nomination committee meeting. A date for the induction will be announced later.

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Gabbie Izzo started her transition from singles to pairs skating while training at the Skating Club of Boston in Norwood.

Best time for a switch

Former singles skater Izzo takes up pairs when US needs it most

By Kat Cornetta
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Some college students spend their spring breaks relaxing, exploring, or both. Harvard junior Gabbie Izzo spent her break exploring — exploring how to land on skates while being thrown 10 feet in the air.

"I don't really have that fear factor that a lot of people have," said the Brighton native. "I'm not really afraid. I think, 'Oh, let's go for it and see what happens, and if I don't land on my feet, I'll figure out how to next time.' "

Izzo is no stranger to elite figure skating. The 2019 US junior champion finished fourth at the 2022 US Figure Skating Championships, becoming an alternate on the Olympic team. This past fall, the fan favorite represented the US on the Senior Grand Prix circuit and at a handful of smaller international competitions.

Despite the accomplishments, Izzo recently decided to switch disciplines, dropping singles skating, which she has done since childhood, for pairs. The change started slowly at her home rink, Norwood's Skating Club of Boston, when she offered to do side-by-side jumps and spins with a training mate who was in between his own pairs tryouts.

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Izzo seeks a partner who can maximize her strong jumping ability.

"It was then that I just kind of fell in love with pairs," said Izzo. "Since then, I've noticed that skating by myself has gotten incredibly boring."

Izzo is not the first high-level singles skater to make the switch, but she is doing it at what might be the most opportune time. As Russia continues to be banned from Olympic competition because of the country's invasion of Ukraine, it leaves a smaller world pairs field. Russia has produced 13 of the last 16 Olympic champions in the discipline. The ban has opened the door for US pairs to find success they haven't had since the mid-1990s.

Even with increased success, the US field in pairs is not deep. At this year's nationals, the senior pairs field included only 11 teams, four fewer than ice dance. The bronze medalists, Ellie Kam and Danny O'Shea, had been skating together for a mere four months. The message became clear: The US needs to build its depth in the discipline, and fast.

"There is this opportunity right now," said Izzo. "There are just less pair teams out there. But it's a more intense discipline, considering everything that goes into it. So there is more opportunity in it, but it's harder in some aspects to be really good at it."

Before making a public announcement of her switch in March, Izzo spent her spring break learning pairs-specific elements with Chris Knierim outside of Chicago. Knierim was a three-time national champion with his wife, Alexa, the current world silver medalist with pairs partner Brandon Frazier. In retirement, Knierim is developing a reputation as a pairs guru. If you are a singles skater and want to make the switch, he's your guy — experienced enough to be an effective coach, but young enough to do the moves himself.

Knierim took Izzo through nearly a week of learning the discipline's throw jumps, lifts, and twists, and was encouraged by what he saw, especially when doing a twist. That is where the man lifts the woman, tosses her above his head, and she rotates parallel to the ice. He then catches her and places her back on the ice on one foot. It requires explosiveness and is, by Knierim's estimation, the toughest element to learn.

"She is aware of her body and knows how to get in rotation," said Knierim. "She could do a double twist pretty easily, and that is the steppingstone to the triples being done at the world level. She caught on very quickly."

Besides being a quick learner, what makes Izzo an intriguing catch for any potential partner is her jumping ability. For years, pairs skaters carried a stigma of being poor jumpers. Izzo's ability to do a variety of triples gives her a boost over others. If she can find a partner with a similar stable of triples, they could boost their scores with side-by-side jumps.

"These days, the side-by-side triples are very valuable," said Paul Wylie, the 1992 Olympic silver medalist in men's skating who has much in common with Izzo: He is a two-time Harvard graduate and has a background in both singles and pairs. "The fact that Gabbie can do a triple lutz, that will be very helpful. The trick is finding a partner who could do one and do it on demand."

Because of her competitive background in singles, Izzo is not going about her search alone. US Figure Skating is helping her and her coaches at the Skating Club of Boston, Aleksey Letov and Olga Ganicheva, vet available partners. The duo already coaches Emily Chan and Spencer Howe, fifth in last month's World Championships. Regardless, the process involves patience.

"Usually you hear who's breaking up and who's available, who's coming off an injury, who might be willing to try pairs," said Izzo. "It's a pretty intense process and more difficult than we think it is. A lot of the time you're just kind of sitting and waiting because there's nothing else I can do."

Sitting idle isn't something Izzo is used to. A government major at Harvard, she travels between Cambridge and Norwood daily, and has two side jobs: coaching skating skills to hockey players and editing papers for classmates. Staying busy is a family trait, as her mother works as a Spanish and Portuguese medical interpreter at both Cambridge Hospital and Franciscan Children's Hospital.

"My mom has been my biggest supporter throughout this," said Izzo. "She was super excited when I sent her a video after I had done my first triple throw."

Izzo had many feats to show her mother recently, having spent time in Colorado Springs with several burgeoning pairs teams. She will return after her spring semester to train further and evaluate potential partners with coaches Drew Meekins and Natalia Mishkutenok.

Whomever Izzo partners with, a grand opportunity to make a quick splash in the discipline awaits.

"There have been tremendous single skaters who have done pairs at a world level," said Wylie. "Who knows? She might make the world team in her first year. It's exciting to see what could happen."

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Jesperi Kotkaniemi's goal 1:55 into the second put Carolina up, 3-0, and sent Devils goalie Akira Schmid to the bench.

NHL NOTEBOOK

Hurricanes storm Devils in Game 1

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The Carolina Hurricanes got goals from **Brett Pesce** and **Seth Jarvis** in Raleigh, N.C., alongside a suffocating defensive performance in the opening period to jump quickly on the New Jersey Devils for a 5-1 win Wednesday night in the opener of their second-round playoff series.

Jesperi Kotkaniemi, **Brady Skjei**, and **Jesper Fast** also scored for the Hurricanes, who used a swarming effort to take control and take the Devils completely out of any type of first-period flow. New Jersey managed a single shot on goal for the period compared to both Pesce and Jarvis finding the net, then Kotkaniemi followed early in the second for a 3-0 lead that chased Devils rookie goalie **Akira Schmid** to the bench.

Game 2 is Friday in Raleigh.

Nathan Bastian scored for the Devils, who played without trade acquisition **Timo Meier** following his huge hit from New York Rangers forward **Jacob Trouba** during Monday's Game 7 win. Bastian's goal came when he got loose coming into the zone to beat **Frederick Andersen** at 5:02 of the second period and cut the deficit to 3-1, but the Devils got no closer.

The Hurricanes clinched against the Islanders on Friday night. That gave a team with an injury-hit bunch of forwards a few extra days to regroup, and it showed with the way Carolina established its style of play confidently in front with the backing of a loud home-ice crowd.

The Devils had less than 48 hours following the Game 7 clincher against the Rangers to get ready for Wednesday.

Building on victories

The Seattle Kraken and Florida Panthers both had to quickly go from Game 7 victories on the road to starting their second rounds as visitors again just two days later.

The supposed underdogs carried momentum from those series clinchers into Game 1 wins Tuesday against teams that had some extra rest. The Kraken and Panthers have the opportunity Thursday night to grab 2-0 series leads before finally going home.

"A quick turnaround, there's a disadvantage in terms of the amount of energy, right? You don't have the rest, you don't have the luxury of a little bit of practice time, but you are in a rhythm," said Kraken coach **Dave Hakstol**, whose team eliminated defending Stanley Cup champion Colorado in seven games.

The second-year Kraken opened the Western Conference semifinals with a 5-4 overtime win in Dallas, even after blowing a two-goal lead in the third period while 38-year-old **Joe Pavelski** scored all four goals for the Stars. Pavelski became the oldest player with a four-goal game in the long history of the NHL playoffs, and did it in his first game back since going into concussion protocol two weeks earlier.

The Kraken were physical, outhitting Dallas, 47-19, and had an 11-4 edge in takeaways when **Yanni Gourde** beat former Boston University goalie **Jake Oettinger** 12:17 into the extra session.

Whaler designer dies

Peter Good, the graphic designer who created the iconic Hartford Whalers logo, died Tuesday at his home in Chester, Conn. He was 80. Good created the logo, with its rising whale's tail above a 'W' and an 'H' hidden in negative space between the two, in 1979 when the franchise joined the NHL from the World Hockey Association. He was reportedly paid about $2,000, but retained the rights to the design, which remains popular more than 25 years after the team left Connecticut and became the Carolina Hurricanes . . . Veteran defenseman **Mark Borowiecki** has decided to retire from hockey after playing more than 450 games over parts of 12 NHL seasons. The 33-year-old, a native of Ottawa, played his final two-plus seasons with Nashville after spending the vast majority of his NHL career with his hometown Senators.

NHL playoffs

Eastern Conference

CAROLINA VS. NEW JERSEY

Hurricanes lead series, 1-0
Wednesday, May 3
At Carolina 5 ..... New Jersey 1
Schedule
Friday at Carolina 8
Sunday at New Jersey 3:30
Tuesday at New Jersey 7
*Thursday, May 11 at Carolina ..... TBA
*Saturday, May 13 at New Jersey ..... TBA
*Monday, May 15 at Carolina ..... TBA

TORONTO VS. FLORIDA

Panthers lead series, 1-0
Tuesday, May 2
Florida 4 ..... at Toronto 2
Schedule
Thursday at Toronto 7
Sunday at Florida 6:30
Wednesday, May 10 at Florida 7
*Friday, May 12 at Toronto ..... TBA
*Sunday, May 14 at Florida ..... TBA
*Tuesday, May 16 at Toronto ..... TBA

Western Conference

DALLAS VS. SEATTLE

Kraken lead series, 1-0
Tuesday, May 2
Seattle 5 ..... at Dallas 4 (OT)
Schedule
Thursday at Dallas 9:30
Sunday at Seattle 9:30
Tuesday at Seattle 9:30
*Thursday, May 11 at Dallas ..... TBA
*Saturday, May 13 at Seattle ..... TBA
*Monday, May 15 at Dallas ..... TBA

VEGAS VS. EDMONTON

Golden Knights lead series, 1-0
Wednesday, May 3
At Vegas 6 ..... Edmonton 4
Schedule
Saturday at Vegas 7
Monday at Edmonton 8:30
Wednesday, May 10 at Edmonton 10
*Friday, May 12 at Vegas ..... TBA
*Sunday, May 14 at Edmonton ..... TBA
*Tuesday, May 16 at Vegas ..... TBA

* If necessary

HURRICANES 5, DEVILS 1

New Jersey	0	1	0	—	1
Carolina	2	1	2	—	5

First period — 1. Carolina, Pesce 1 (Staal), 9:41. 2. Carolina, Jarvis 3, 14:43. Penalties — Burns, Car (tripping), 4:06. Haula, NJ (tripping), 5:02. McLeod, NJ (tripping), 18:17.

Second period — 3. Carolina, Kotkaniemi 1 (Martinook, Fast), 1:55. 4. New Jersey, Bastian 1 (McLeod), 5:02. Penalties — Hischier, NJ (delay of game), 13:05. Martinook, Car (high stick), 15:34.

Third period — 5. Carolina, Skjei 1 (Aho, Noesen), 10:17. 6. Carolina, Fast 3 (Martinook, Staal), 16:44 (en). Penalties — None.

Shots on goal — New Jersey 1-9-9 — 19. Carolina 10-6-7 — 23.

Power plays — New Jersey 0-2; Carolina 0-3.

Goalies — New Jersey, Schmid 4-2-0 (11 shots-8 saves). New Jersey, Vanecek 0-2-0 (11 shots-10 saves). Carolina, Andersen 2-0-0 (19 shots-18 saves).

Referees — Wes McCauley, Dan O'Rourke. Linesmen — Scott Cherrey, Jonny Murray.

A — 18,735 (18,680). T — 2:26.

KRAKEN 5, STARS 4

Tuesday night game

Seattle	4	0	0	1 —	5
Dallas	2	0	2	0 —	4

First period — 1. Dallas, Pavelski 1 (Marchment, Domi), 2:25. 2. Seattle, Schwartz 3 (Geekie, Eberle), 11:25. 3. Dallas, Pavelski 2 (Harley, Heiskanen), 12:18. 4. Seattle, Schultz 2 (Donato), 14:28. 5. Seattle, Bjorkstrand 3 (Oleksiak, Borgen), 14:39. 6. Seattle, Eberle 2 (Dunn, Beniers), 15:20. Penalties — Geekie, Sea (tripping), 8:51.

Second period — None. Penalties — Glendening, Dal (hooking), 3:19. Larsson, Sea (cross check), 10:54. Lindell, Dal (hooking), 15:14.

Third period — 7. Dallas, Pavelski 3 (Benn, Domi), 9:50. 8. Dallas, Pavelski 4 (Hakanpaa, Domi), 13:23. Penalties — Marchment, Dal (tripping), 7:09.

Overtime — 9. Seattle, Gourde 2, 12:17. Penalties — None.

Shots on goal — Seattle 12-14-8-10 — 44. Dallas 11-9-11-4 — 35.

Power plays — Seattle 0-3; Dallas 0-2.

Goalies — Seattle, Grubauer 5-3-0 (35 shots-31 saves). Dallas, Oettinger 4-3-0 (44 shots-39 saves).

Referees — Kyle Rehman, Jean Hebert. Linesmen — Shandor Alphonso, Kiel Murchison.

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Baseball

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Sox left fielder Masataka Yoshida makes a leaping grab against the wall in the first inning.

Sox beat Jays again for fifth straight win

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Sox clinching the series win. "They kicked our butts last year. The reason we didn't make it to the playoffs last year was because of them. They did an outstanding job against us last year. They pitched. They hit."

While the pitching remains a weakness for the Sox, the bats continue to be the difference for this team. They racked up 15 hits Wednesday night, touching Blue Jays starter Alek Manoah for eight.

With Nick Pivetta on the mound for Boston, the Red Sox erased an early 2-0 deficit from a pair of solo shots in the second and third innings by Daulton Varsho and Vladimir Guerrero Jr., respectively.

The Sox battled back against Manoah in the fourth, behind a Jarren Duran RBI double to left-center and a Triston Casas RBI single to right.

The Blue Jays got one more off Pivetta in the fifth with a runner coming home on a balk, but the one-run lead wasn't enough if you consider the Jays' sloppy play (four errors), and the Sox' hot bats that had them ranked third in runs entering the game.

In the bottom of the fifth, Masataka Yoshida reached on an errant throw to first from third baseman Santiago Espinal. Justin Turner then stung a double to the gap, moving runners to second and third. After Duran was hit by a pitch, Casas sneaked a single through the left side to tie it and reload the bases.

Enmanuel Valdez brought in two more runs when his grounder took a tricky hop off the chest of Guerrero at first, giving the Red Sox a 5-3 lead.

The Sox scored all of their runs from the fourth through the eighth innings.

"It felt good to contribute in a couple of big situations," said Casas, who had struggled before turning in just his second multi-hit game of the season. "That's what I'm expected to do."

Of the Sox' 18 victories, they have come from behind in 13, the most in the majors. That's not sustainable.

At some point, starting pitchers are going to have to carry the load beyond just Pivetta's six innings, three runs, five hits, and six strikeouts.

But what is sustainable is the intent Sox hitters are carrying at the plate. Each is connected to the other with one singular approach of putting the ball in play.

The Sox aren't just coming from behind to win. They are adding on after they do tie it, averaging 5.3 runs per game against American League East opponents entering Wednesday compared with just four runs against the division last year.

"It's huge," said Cora, adding that insurance runs have helped the Red Sox' overused bullpen. "That's what good teams do. It's not just a one-game series, but three or four. And it's about what you do over the course of the series with their pitching staff."

Cora pointed out last year that his team had to play better against division opponents. So far, it is.

"Last year they had our number," Alex Verdugo said. "We needed to play better. This year, we're handling our business. We're having better at-bats. We're kind of just doing a whole team effort. It's not just one guy. It's a nice team effort going on."

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Red Sox reliever Kutter Crawford was visited on the mound in the ninth inning before exiting with an apparent injury.

Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 3

At Fenway Park

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Springer rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Bichette ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.328
Guerrero 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.317
Chapman dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.364
Varsho lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.209
Kirk c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.243
Merrifield 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.287
Espinal 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.191
Kiermaier cf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.277
Totals	**33**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**8**	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Verdugo rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.315
Yoshida lf	5	1	2	2	0	0	.303
Turner dh	4	1	2	0	1	0	.273
Devers 3b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.226
Duran cf	2	2	1	1	2	0	.400
Casas 1b	5	1	3	2	0	0	.157
Valdez 2b	5	0	2	2	0	2	.345
Hernández ss	5	1	2	1	0	0	.243
Wong c	5	1	1	0	0	2	.284
Totals	**40**	**8**	**15**	**8**	**4**	**6**	

Toronto	011	010	000	—	3	6	4
Boston	000	231	11x	—	8	15	2

E—Espinal (3), Kirk (3), Manoah (1), Varsho (1), Devers (2), Wong (3). **LOB**—Toronto 5, Boston 13. **2B**—Espinal (1), Kiermaier (4), Yoshida (6), Turner (7), Duran (10), Wong (6). **HR**—Guerrero (6), off Pivetta, Varsho (4), off Pivetta. **SB**—Valdez (2). **Runners left in scoring position**—Toronto 3 (Varsho, Espinal, Kiermaier), Boston 7 (Devers 2, Casas 2, Hernández 2, Wong). **RISP**—Toronto 0 for 5, Boston 7 for 16. **Runners moved up**—Springer, Verdugo, Devers. **GIDP**—Espinal. **DP**—Boston 1.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Manoah L 1-2	5	8	5	2	1	3	103	4.71
Bass	⅓	3	1	1	0	0	7	7.71
Richards	1⅓	2	1	1	3	2	37	3.55
Pearson	1⅓	2	1	0	0	1	28	0.00

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pivetta W 2-2	6	5	3	3	1	6	94	4.99
Martin	1	0	0	0	0	2	13	2.00
Crawford	1⅓	1	0	0	1	0	33	3.51
Brasier	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	5	7.98

Inherited runners-scored—Richards 2-0, Pearson 3-0. **HBP**—by Manoah (Duran). **Balk**—Pivetta. **WP**—Manoah. **Umpires**—Home, Will Little; First, Ryan Additon; Second, Dan Merzel; Third, Lance Barksdale. **T**—3:13. **A**—27,963 (37,755).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

SECOND INNING

BLUE JAYS — Varsho homered to right. Kirk grounded out to short. Merrifield grounded out to short. Espinal doubled to left. Kiermaier struck out.

THIRD INNING

BLUE JAYS — Springer struck out. Bichette flied out to center. Guerrero homered to left. Chapman flied out to right.

FOURTH INNING

RED SOX — Turner lined out to first. Devers hit an infield single to second. On catcher's throwing error, Devers to second. On wild pitch, Devers to third. Duran doubled to left, Devers scored. Duran to third. Casas singled to right, Duran scored on throwing error by pitcher. Valdez singled to center, Casas to second. Hernández lined out to left. Wong grounded out to third.

FIFTH INNING

BLUE JAYS — Kiermaier doubled to right. Springer flied out to center, Kiermaier to third. On balk, Kiermaier scored. Bichette struck out. Guerrero grounded out to short.

RED SOX — Verdugo fouled out to third. Yoshida safe at first on throwing error by third baseman. Turner doubled to center, Yoshida to third. Devers fouled out to third. Duran was hit by a pitch. Casas singled to left, Yoshida scored, Turner to third, Duran to second. Valdez singled to right, Turner and Duran scored, Casas to third. Valdez stole second. Hernández grounded out to third.

SIXTH INNING

RED SOX — tching. Wong doubled to left. Verdugo grounded out to first unassisted, Wong to third. Yoshida hit an infield single to second, Wong scored. Turner singled to center, Yoshida to second. Richards pitching. Devers grounded out to first unassisted, Yoshida to third, Turner to second. Duran walked. Casas flied out to center.

SEVENTH INNING

RED SOX — Valdez struck out. Hernández singled to right. Wong struck out. Verdugo walked, Hernández to second. Yoshida doubled to left, Hernández scored, Verdugo to third. Turner walked. Pearson pitching. Devers flied out to center.

EIGHTH INNING

RED SOX — Duran fouled out to second. Casas singled to left. On left fielder's throwing error, Casas to second. Valdez flied out to left. Hernández singled to center, Casas scored. Wong struck out.

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Refsnyder: Duran 'everything you want'

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Rob Refsnyder saw **Jarren Duran** at his worst.

When Duran struggled last season, Refsnyder was his veteran. The two shared time at Triple A Worcester as teammates, and when the two later reached the big leagues last year, their lockers were situated next to one another.

Refsnyder has had his failures, too, playing on five teams in parts of seven seasons. Yet with the Red Sox, finally, he found a way to stay in the big leagues as a role player.

He always knew Duran had a chance to be special. Better than he was, certainly. As Duran labored and continued to fail, Refsnyder would always remind the outfielder to stick with it.

"Jarren has a larger-than-life personality on the field, but then, behind closed doors, he tends to be quiet and puts his head down and goes to work," said Refsnyder. "I love Jarren. He's such a good teammate. He's hyper-aware of everything."

The hyper-awareness, though, sometimes worked against Duran. Refsnyder urged Duran to block out the outside noise. So, Refsnyder is happy to see how Duran has responded at the start of this season by leaning on veterans while showing dynamic ability on the field. Duran went 1 for 2 with two walks, two runs, and an RBI in Wednesday night's 8-3 win over the Blue Jays to improve his average to .400 in 16 games. It was his first career multi-walk game.

"He's another year older," Refsnyder said. "He's more confident in his ability. I tell him all the time, he's so fun to watch in the field. He's so talented. He works his butt off. He's everything you want in a player."

Two sides to Houck

Tanner Houck pitched four scoreless frames against the Blue Jays Tuesday night. But he was shellacked for six runs in the fifth of his six-inning outing.

Houck has a 1.00 ERA in innings 1-3 this year, but in innings 4-6, it balloons to 10.38.

"Stuff-wise, we're doing our due diligence," manager **Alex Cora** said. "If his stuff is ticking down, or if it's something that we need to push him. He's going to keep starting. He's not going to the bullpen. He'll make his next start in Philly on Sunday. Hopefully, we can get better pitch selection. Maybe go to other places late in the game, or use your best pitches all the time in the sixth and seventh, or the fifth instead of being too cute as he said."

When asked to clarify if Houck will remain in the rotation beyond Sunday considering the Sox could activate **James Paxton** following his rehab outing Friday, Cora said only, "He's starting on Sunday."

Whitlock update

Garrett Whitlock was cleared by doctors to resume throwing after his follow-up appointment Tuesday afternoon. The Sox placed Whitlock on the injured list with elbow neuritis last week (retroactive to April 25). Cora wouldn't put a timetable on Whitlock's return but is optimistic that everything is trending in the right direction.

Whitlock underwent Tommy John surgery in 2019. But when Whitlock conveyed that he was having arm issues, head athletic trainer **Brandon Henry** was able to immediately diagnose the injury.

Crawford exits

Kutter Crawford left Wednesday's game with left hamstring tightness. **Ryan Brasier** came on to get the final two outs . . . **Joely Rodriguez** (oblique) recently threw live batting practice without incident. Cora said again Wednesday that Rodriguez's next appearance will likely be at Double A Portland or Triple A Worcester . . . The Red Sox celebrated Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage month prior to Wednesday's game. **Olivia Pichardo**, a utility player for Brown University's baseball team, threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Pichardo this year became the first woman to play in an NCAA Division 1 baseball game . . . Pregame ceremonies included the presentation of World Baseball Classic all-tournament team trophies to **Masataka Yoshida** (Japan) and **Yu Chang** (Chinese Taipei).

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Justin Turner and Jarren Duran scored on Enmanuel Valdez's fifth-inning single, giving the Red Sox a 5-3 lead.

Turner knows the drill: hit-by-pitch is part of his game

▶TURNER
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he was sidelined two weeks. What'd he do with his approach? He came back right on top of the plate."

For Turner, the willingness to take one for the team has its origins in a challenge from his family.

"My dad and my cousin used to pay me for getting hit by pitches," said Turner, who guessed that he got $1 for getting hit and $5 if he did so in a two-strike count. "It was ingrained in me from a young age.

"I've always gotten hit by pitches my whole life, no matter how close I stood to the plate. It's something that's a part of my game."

While Turner has always considered getting hit a form of success, he repositioned himself in the batter's box to stand on top of the plate after he joined the Dodgers in 2014. The decision was an outgrowth of a conversation with then-teammate Zack Greinke.

Turner asked the 2009 Cy Young Award winner how he would attack him. Greinke said he'd consider the matter after reviewing video, and he got back to Turner within a day or two.

"He told me he would throw me 100 straight fastballs down and away," recalled Turner. "I was like, 'You're crazy. I get so many hits the other way. Why would you just throw me fastballs away?'

"He goes, 'Yeah, but have you seen where the pitches are that you get your hits the other way? They're all closer to you. They're all middle/middle-in. The ball on the outer half, you're hitting, like, .150 on.'

"I go, 'OK, so if you were me, would you stand as close to the plate as you possibly could?' And he said, 'Yeah, all your damage is closer to you. You do nothing with the ball further away from you.' So I was like, 'All right, I'm gonna stand on the plate.' "

That year proved pivotal in Turner's career. He'd overhauled his swing prior to the season, and coupled with his new setup, he became a headache for opposing pitchers and a force in the middle of the Dodgers order. He hit .340/.404/.493.

"Guys definitely saw how close I was to the plate," said Turner. "They were like, 'Oh, we can pound this guy in — pitch him in, pitch him in.' It probably played into a strength of mine."

That was the first season of a nine-year run in Los Angeles, during which Turner became a mainstay on a perennial postseason team. With longevity came a discolored distinction as Turner set a franchise record by getting hit with 96 pitches. (He ranks fourth among active players with 115 for his career.)

"I watched him get hit time after time after time," said Kiké Hernández, who played six seasons with Turner in LA. "He's not new to getting hit."

Outside the Dodgers clubhouse in Los Angeles, there's a treasure trove of memorabilia featuring Cy Young Awards, MVP trophies, Silver Sluggers, and Gold Gloves won by Dodgers. Turner considered whether he might claim a spot there.

"I need a plaque in that hallway," Turner joked. "I haven't gotten that yet, but I'm waiting for it. I want the Golden Bruise Award, or a golden elbow pad, or something like that."

Turner won't be setting any records for hit by pitches with the Red Sox — Kevin Youkilis owns the team mark with 86 — but his new team has been impressed with the veteran's approach since his spring beaning.

"He's everything we want to be as an offense," said hitting coach Pete Fatse. "He's a tough, tough out, puts the ball in play, can do damage. He's an overwhelming at-bat for a pitcher because he's not going to give in.

"That's kind of the mantra that we set out early at the start of spring training. He embodies all of that. He sets the tone with that."

Both Turner and the Sox hope he sets a tone with more than walks and bruises. He has yet to start impacting the ball in a fashion consistent with his career standards of .288/.366/.464. But while he continues the search for his swing, Turner continues to get on base in the top third of the order — through any means necessary.

"It's a part of getting on base for me," Turner said. "I don't think it's a big deal. It's the same as a walk or hit. It maybe stings a little more."

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Baseball

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Tampa Bay	25	6	.806	—	5-2	7-3	W 2
Baltimore	20	10	.667	4½	4-5	7-3	L 1
Toronto	18	13	.581	7	4-5	6-4	L 4
Boston	18	14	.563	7½	6-7	7-3	W 5
New York	17	15	.531	8½	3-3	4-6	W 2
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Minnesota	17	14	.548	—	8-4	6-4	L 2
Cleveland	14	17	.452	3	1-2	4-6	L 2
Detroit	12	17	.414	4	2-1	5-5	W 2
Chicago	10	21	.323	7	3-2	3-7	W 3
Kansas City	8	23	.258	9	1-6	3-7	W 1
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Texas	18	12	.600	—	4-2	5-5	L 1
Los Angeles	17	14	.548	1½	7-3	7-3	W 3
Houston	16	15	.516	2½	1-2	5-5	L 2
*Seattle	13	16	.448	4½	2-2	5-5	W 2
*Oakland	6	24	.200	12	3-8	2-8	L 1

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	21	10	.677	—	9-3	7-3	W 2
Miami	16	15	.516	5	5-11	4-6	L 2
New York	16	15	.516	5	7-6	2-8	L 2
Philadelphia	15	17	.469	6½	1-2	5-5	L 4
Washington	12	18	.400	8½	3-3	5-5	W 2
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Pittsburgh	20	11	.645	—	7-4	6-4	L 3
Milwaukee	18	12	.600	1½	4-2	4-6	L 3
Chicago	15	15	.500	4½	2-3	3-7	L 2
Cincinnati	13	18	.419	7	3-6	6-4	L 1
St. Louis	10	21	.323	10	3-4	2-8	L 5
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Los Angeles	19	13	.594	—	7-6	8-2	W 6
Arizona	17	14	.548	1½	9-8	5-5	W 1
San Diego	17	15	.531	2	8-4	7-3	W 1
San Francisco	13	17	.433	5	1-4	6-4	W 2
Colorado	11	20	.355	7½	3-6	5-5	W 3

* — Not including late game

RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

At Boston 8	Toronto 3	At Tampa Bay 8	Pittsburgh 1
1st: At Detroit 6	NY Mets 5	At Washington 2	Chi. Cubs 1
2nd: At Detroit 8	NY Mets 1	At NY Yankees 4 (10 inn.)	Cleveland 3
Arizona 12	at Texas 7	At Chi. White Sox 6	Minnesota 4
San Francisco 4	at Houston 2	At Kansas City 6	Baltimore 0
At San Diego 7	Cincinnati 1	LA Angels 6	at St. Louis 4
At LA Dodgers 10	Philadelphia 6	At Colorado 7	Milwaukee 1
Atlanta 14	at Miami 6	Seattle	at Oakland

TUESDAY

At Boston 7	Toronto 6	LA Angels 5	at St. Louis 1
Atlanta 6	at Miami 0	At Texas 6	Arizona 4
NY Mets (ppd.)	at Detroit	San Francisco 2	at Houston 0
At Tampa Bay 4	Pittsburgh 1	At Colorado 3	Milwaukee 2
At Washington 4	Chi. Cubs 1	Cincinnati 2 (10 inn.)	at San Diego 1
At NY Yankees 4	Cleveland 2	Seattle 2	at Oakland 1
At Chi. White Sox 3 (10 inn.)	Minn. 2	At LA Dodgers 13	Philadelphia 1
Baltimore 11	at Kansas City 7		

THURSDAY'S GAMES

	Odds	2023 W-L	2023 ERA	Team rec.	2022 vs. opp W-L	2022 vs. opp IP	2022 vs. opp ERA	Last 3 starts W-L	Last 3 starts IP	Last 3 starts ERA
TORONTO AT BOSTON, 6:10 p.m.										
Gausman (R)	-160	2-2	2.33	4-2	3-0	34.0	2.65	1-1	18.2	3.38
Bello (R)	+135	0-1	6.57	2-1	0-2	13.0	7.62	0-1	12.1	6.57
CHICAGO CUBS AT WASHINGTON, 1:05 p.m.										
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Corbin (L)	Off	1-4	5.74	2-4	0-0	6.0	6.00	0-2	17.1	4.15
NY METS AT DETROIT, 1:10 p.m.										
Verlander (R)	-185	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Rodriguez (L)	+155	2-2	2.21	2-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	20.2	0.44
PITTSBURGH AT TAMPA BAY, 1:10 p.m.										
Velasquez (R)	+165	4-2	3.06	4-2	0-1	4.2	5.79	3-0	19.0	1.42
Eflin (R)	-195	3-0	3.00	4-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	16.0	3.38
LA ANGELS AT ST. LOUIS, 1:15 p.m.										
Canning (R)	+125	1-0	4.11	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	15.1	4.11
Flaherty (R)	-145	2-3	3.94	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	16.2	5.94
BALTIMORE AT KANSAS CITY, 2:10 p.m.										
Rodriguez (R)	Off	1-0	4.07	4-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	15.0	2.40
Lyles (R)	Off	0-5	6.11	0-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	18.0	7.00
MINNESOTA AT CHICAGO WHITE SOX, 2:10 p.m.										
López (R)	-135	2-2	4.00	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	16.0	7.31
Giolito (R)	+115	1-2	4.15	1-5	1-1	21.0	3.00	1-1	19.2	2.75
MILWAUKEE AT COLORADO, 3:10 p.m.										
Miley (L)	-145	3-1	1.86	4-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	18.0	1.50
Seabold (R)	+125	0-0	5.27	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
SEATTLE AT OAKLAND, 3:37 p.m.										
Kirby (R)	-220	2-2	2.93	2-3	1-0	20.1	4.43	2-1	20.1	2.21
Rucinski (R)	+180	0-1	4.76	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	5.2	4.76
ATLANTA AT MIAMI, 4:10 p.m.										
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Luzardo (L)	Off	2-1	3.48	5-1	2-1	16.0	2.81	0-1	15.0	5.40

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season.

LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Through Tuesday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Chapman, Tor	107	18	40	.374
Bichette, Tor	127	20	43	.339
Arozarena, TB	114	22	37	.325
Verdugo, Bos	126	26	40	.317
Díaz, TB	95	23	30	.316
Rutschman, Bal	108	15	34	.315
Guerrero Jr., Tor	119	21	37	.311
Kelenic, Sea	94	14	29	.309
Dubón, Hou	105	20	32	.305
Merrifield, Tor	83	10	25	.301
Franco, TB	113	17	34	.301
Heim, Tex	80	17	24	.300
Yoshida, Bos	94	17	28	.298
Trout, LAA	111	21	33	.297
Ohtani, LAA	109	18	32	.294

HOME RUNS

Devers, Bos	10
Rooker, Oak	9
García, Tex	8
Mountcastle, Bal	8
Trout, LAA	7
Raley, TB	7
Bichette, Tor	7
Burger, CWS	7
Arozarena, TB	7
Lowe, TB	7
Díaz, TB	7
Ohtani, LAA	7
Gallo, Min	7
Buxton, Min	7
Hernández, Sea	7
Renfroe, LAA	7
Kelenic, Sea	7

RUNS BATTED IN

García, Tex	30
Arozarena, TB	28
Devers, Bos	27
Alvarez, Hou	27
Mountcastle, Bal	26
Semien, Tex	24
Mullins, Bal	23
Heim, Tex	22
Rooker, Oak	22
Jung, Tex	21
Chapman, Tor	21
Bichette, Tor	21
Tucker, Hou	20
Lowe, Tex	20
Vaughn, CWS	20
Renfroe, LAA	20
Paredes, TB	19
Yoshida, Bos	19
Larnach, Min	19
Franco, TB	18
Mateo, Bal	18
Ohtani, LAA	18
Verdugo, Bos	18
Rutschman, Bal	18
Lowe, TB	18
Naylor, Cle	18
Lowe, TB	18
Raleigh, Sea	18
Trout, LAA	18

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Chapman, Tor	.455
Díaz, TB	.431
Rutschman, Bal	.429
Yoshida, Bos	.391
Guerrero Jr., Tor	.390
Trout, LAA	.388
Arozarena, TB	.388
Alvarez, Hou	.387
Bichette, Tor	.382
Verdugo, Bos	.381

NL LEADERS

Through Tuesday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Arraez, Mia	92	12	40	.435
Acuña Jr., Atl	116	26	42	.362
Estrada, SF	111	20	38	.342
Reynolds, Pit	106	17	35	.330
Díaz, Col	88	11	29	.330
Marsh, Phi	92	17	30	.326
Nimmo, NYM	103	17	33	.320
Friedl, Cin	99	10	31	.313
Castellanos, Phi	119	23	37	.311
Hoerner, ChC	129	22	40	.310
Carroll, Ari	97	19	30	.309
Freeman, LAD	123	24	38	.309
Swanson, ChC	108	18	33	.306
Stott, Phi	131	10	40	.305
McNeil, NYM	102	13	31	.304

HOME RUNS

Muncy, LAD	11
Alonso, NYM	11
Wisdom, ChC	11
Murphy, Atl	8
Albies, Atl	8
Tellez, Mil	8
Olson, Atl	8
Schwarber, Phi	7
Outman, LAD	7
Bellinger, ChC	7
Davis, SF	6
Wade Jr., SF	6
Bogaerts, SD	6
Suwinski, Pit	6
Gorman, StL	6
Cron, Col	6

RUNS BATTED IN

Alonso, NYM	28
Olson, Atl	25
Albies, Atl	24
Muncy, LAD	23
Reynolds, Pit	23
Murphy, Atl	23
Gorman, StL	22
Bohm, Phi	22
Lindor, NYM	22
Outman, LAD	21
Tellez, Mil	21
Wisdom, ChC	21
Walker, Ari	20
Anderson, Mil	20
Castellanos, Phi	19
Bellinger, ChC	18
Suwinski, Pit	18
Hoerner, ChC	17
Betts, LAD	17
Davis, SF	17
Fraley, Cin	17
Santana, Pit	17

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Arraez, Mia	.495
Acuña Jr., Atl	.449
Wade Jr., SF	.441
Murphy, Atl	.422
Nimmo, NYM	.419
Swanson, ChC	.419
McNeil, NYM	.418
Marsh, Phi	.410
Muncy, LAD	.407
Happ, ChC	.407
Goldschmidt, StL	.400
Estrada, SF	.397
Bogaerts, SD	.392
Joe, Pit	.392
Freeman, LAD	.386
Díaz, Col	.385
Blackmon, Col	.385
Soto, SD	.382

BASEBALL NOTEBOOK

Cashman takes blame for Yankees' bad standing

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Brian Cashman was blunt in his assessment of what has gone wrong in the Yankees' season.

"Injuries happen and ultimately we're getting a lot of injuries right now, and that's certainly killing us," the general manager said on Wednesday at Yankee Stadium. "But I have nothing I can convict others — other than if you want to convict somebody, convict me. This is my responsibility."

For one night, at least, Yankee Stadium was a happy place, as **Jose Trevino's** pinch-hit single gave the Yankees a 4-3 win over the Guardians.

New York is 17-15, last in the AL East, and 8½ games behind first-place Tampa Bay.

Captain **Aaron Judge** (hip), designated hitter **Giancarlo Stanton** (hamstring), third baseman **Josh Donaldson** (hamstring), and starting pitchers **Carlos Rodón** (forearm, back), **Luis Severino** (lat), and **Frankie Montas** (shoulder) are among a dozen players on the injured list. Center fielder **Harrison Bader** (oblique) didn't play his first game until Tuesday and left Wednesday night's game after taking a knee to the head in a collision with left fielder **Isiah Kiner-Falefa**.

"When we're at full health or close to it — because you're never going to be at full health — I believe we have a championship-caliber team," Cashman said. "We've got to be thankful that it's a long season because we're banged up so bad right now — if it was a short season, we'd be taken out."

Seeking their first title since 2009, the Yankees began the season with baseball's second-highest payroll at $275 million, trailing only their New York neighbors, the Mets ($355 million). The Yankees began 12-7, but have slid with attrition.

"It's not our strength and conditioning department. It's not how we train our players," Cashman said. "I believe we have really good personnel on the health-care side of this thing: the doctors, the trainers, the strength coaches. I think we have players that are wired the right way, that care and compete."

Rays closer Fairbanks on IL

The Rays placed closer **Pete Fairbanks** (forearm inflammation) on the 15-day injured list.

The AL East leaders also acquired **Chase Anderson** from the Reds in a minor league deal for cash and added the righthander to the major league roster before hosting the Pirates in St. Petersburg, Fla. Righty **Zack Burdi** was designated for assignment to open a 40-man roster spot.

Anderson threw three scoreless innings for his first career save in his Rays debut, an 8-1 win.

Fairbanks said the issue with his arm is near the wrist. It's separate from a recurrence of Raynaud's syndrome last week, which can affect blood flow to the hand/fingers in cold weather.

Tampa Bay lefthander **Josh Fleming**, who left Tuesday's game after getting hit on the left foot by a comebacker, had an MRI exam and CT scan on Wednesday, and both were negative.

Orioles acquire catcher depth

Before losing to **Zack Grienke** and the Royals, 6-0, in Kansas City, Mo., the Orioles acquired catcher **Luis Torrens** from the Cubs for cash.

The 27-year-old Torrens hit .250 in 13 games for Chicago this season. Baltimore designated righthander **Joey Krehbiel** for assignment to make roster room for Torrens. Second-year star **Adley Rutschman** has played in every game at either catcher or designated hitter. The Orioles also have **James McCann** as a backup catcher.

Greinke (1-4) won for the first time since last August as the Royals snapped a 10-game home losing streak. He allowed just three singles in five innings while striking out three on only 44 pitches, his fewest in a start since tossing 43 for the Diamondbacks against the Red Sox in 2016.

Harper hits, but Phillies lose

Bryce Harper was 3 for 3 with two walks in his second game after returning from Tommy John surgery, but the Phillies lost their fourth straight overall and were swept in three games at Los Angeles. The Dodgers won, 10-6, on **Max Muncy's** ninth-inning grand slam . . . Mets ace **Max Scherzer** struggled in his return from a 10-game sticky-stuff suspension, allowing six runs in 3⅓ innings in an 8-1 loss to the Tigers, who swept a doubleheader in Detroit . . . Astros second baseman **Jose Altuve** (right thumb surgery) resumed some baseball activities this week, but there still isn't a timetable for when he'll return . . . Mariners lefthanded starter **Robbie Ray** underwent Tommy John surgery and a flexor tendon repair . . . White Sox closer **Liam Hendriks** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma) is set to begin a rehab assignment Friday . . . Braves righthander **Kyle Wright** (shoulder) is going on the injured list after he left a start in the third inning on Wednesday.

Negro Leagues Museum to grow

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo., is embarking on a fundraising campaign to raise $25 million for a new building. Museum president **Bob Kendrick** said the "Pitch for the Future" campaign is designed to lead to a facility that would be adjacent to the Buck O'Neil Education and Research Center.

"Our growth from a one-room office to becoming America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum has been an amazing journey," said Kendrick, who also announced that Bank of America donated $1 million to the project.

TIGERS 6, METS 5

GAME 1

NY METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Nimmo cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.306
Marte rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.227
Lindor ss	4	1	1	2	0	2	.216
Alonso 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.248
Pham lf	4	1	3	1	0	0	.235
McNeil 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.302
Canha dh	3	1	1	1	1	0	.228
Baty 3b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.333
Nido c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.125
Vogelbach ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Totals	**35**	**5**	**10**	**4**	**2**	**5**	

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Vierling rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.282
Báez ss	3	3	2	1	0	0	.247
Greene cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.234
Haase dh	4	1	2	5	0	2	.265
Torkelson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Schoop 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.229
McKinstry ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Ibáñez lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Maton ph-2b-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.169
Rogers c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Short 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.500
Baddoo ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Totals	**31**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**0**	**6**	

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E—Greene (1), Ibáñez (1). **LOB**—NY 5, Detroit 2. **2B**—Alonso (3), Pham (2), Schoop (3). **HR**—Lindor (5), off Wentz, Pham (3), off Wentz, Canha (3), off Wentz, Báez (1), off Lucchesi, Haase (1), off Lucchesi. **SB**—Vierling (4). **DP**—Detroit 1.

NY Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lucchesi	4	5	4	4	0	1	3.86
Yacabonis	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.15
Ottavino L 0-2	1	2	2	2	0	2	4.09

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wentz	6	9	5	5	1	2	6.67
Vest	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Alexnder W 1-0	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	5.17
Lange S 4	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.32

NP—Lucchesi 46, Yacabonis 36, Ottavino 24, Wentz 83, Vest 23, Alexander 1, Lange 17. **T**—2:04. **A**—11,363 (41,083).

TIGERS 8, METS 1

GAME 2

NY METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Nimmo cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.304
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.217
McNeil rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.294
Alonso 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.250
Vogelbach dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.271
Canha lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.229
Baty 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.311
Guillorme 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Álvarez c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**2**	

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
McKinstry 2b	2	1	1	0	2	0	.274
Short 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.444
Greene cf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.243
Báez ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Maton 3b	3	0	0	1	0	1	.163
Torkelson 1b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.210
Baddoo lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.220
Vierling rf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.281
Haase c	4	2	2	1	0	1	.278
Ibáñez dh	4	1	3	2	0	0	.214
Totals	**34**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**2**	**5**	

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Detroit.....210 300 02x — 8 12 1

E—Maton (1). **LOB**—NY 5, Detroit 5. **2B**—Nimmo (7), Vogelbach (4), Torkelson (5), Haase (4). **HR**—Vierling (2), off Scherzer, Haase (2), off Scherzer. **SF**—Maton. —NY 1; Detroit 1.

NY Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer L 2-2	3⅓	8	6	6	1	3	5.56
Muckenhirn	1⅔	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Butto	2⅓	1	1	1	1	2	3.00
Curtiss	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	4.85

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lorenzen W 1-1	7	4	1	1	2	1	5.14
Holton	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.69
Foley	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.32

NP—Scherzer 75, Muckenhirn 10, Butto 42, Curtiss 13, Lorenzen 96, Holton 13, Foley 8. **T**—2:18. **A**—16,734 (41,083).

GIANTS 4, ASTROS 2

SAN FRAN.	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Slater cf-lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.500
Estrada ss	3	0	1	0	1	1	.342
Haniger lf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.250
Davis 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Flores dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.253
Conforto rf	3	1	0	0	0	3	.193
Villar 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.145
Pederson ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Wisely 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.042
Bart c	3	1	2	1	0	0	.302
Wade 1b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.256
Totals	**30**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**2**	**12**	

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Dubón 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.303
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.212
Alvarez lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.264
JAbreu 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.232
Tucker rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Peña ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.236
Meyers cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Hensley dh	2	1	0	0	1	0	.138
Maldonado c	2	0	1	0	1	1	.171
Totals	**31**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**7**	

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Houston.....000 000 020 — 2 5 0

E—Villar (2), Wade (2). **LOB**—SF 3, Houston 5. **2B**—Bart (3). **HR**—Flores (5), off BAbreu, Bregman (4), off Webb. **SB**—Slater (2). **S**—Wade. **DP**—SF 3; Houston 3.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Webb W 2-5	7⅔	5	2	2	2	5	3.80
Alexander	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	6.35
Doval S 5	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.77

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Valdez L 2-4	6	5	2	2	2	8	2.60
Maton	1	1	1	1	0	1	1.13
Martinez	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.84
BAbreu	1	1	1	1	0	2	1.17

HBP—by Maton (Conforto). **NP**—Webb 102, Alexander 3, Doval 16, Valdez 90, Maton 12, Martinez 13, BAbreu 16. **T**—2:14. **A**—40,405 (41,168).

D'BACKS 12, RANGERS 7

ARIZONA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Marte 2b	3	2	1	2	2	1	.267
Rivera dh	5	1	1	1	0	1	.409
Gurriel lf	3	3	2	1	2	0	.276
Walker 1b	4	3	2	5	1	1	.264
Longoria 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Rojas ph-3b	1	0	0	1	0	0	.286
Fletcher rf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.400
Ahmed ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Perdomo ph-ss	2	0	2	1	0	0	.409
Thomas cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.176
Herrera c	0	2	0	0	2	0	.259
Carroll ph	2	1	1	0	0	1	.313
Totals	**36**	**12**	**10**	**12**	**7**	**8**	

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.277
Jankowski lf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.300
Thompson ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.205
Lowe 1b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.256
García rf	4	0	0	1	0	0	.250
Jung 3b	5	2	3	3	0	1	.275
Heim dh	5	1	1	1	0	2	.294
Duran ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.324
Taveras cf	3	1	3	1	1	0	.246
León c	4	1	1	0	0	3	.222
Totals	**38**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**3**	**10**	

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Texas.....010 150 000 — 7 12 0

E—Marte (1). **LOB**—Arizona 5, Texas 8. **2B**—Perdomo (7), Jankowski (4), León (2). **HR**—Marte (5), off Heaney, Gurriel (2), off Kennedy, Walker 2 (7), off Heaney, off Heaney, Jung 2 (8), off Pfaadt, off Pfaadt, Heim (6), off Pfaadt, Taveras (1), off Pfaadt. **SB**—Thomas (3). **CS**—Taveras (2). **SF**—Rojas, García.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pfaadt	4⅔	9	7	7	1	3	13.50
Ruiz	1	1	0	0	1	2	3.00
Mantiply W 1-0	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Castro	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.13
Chafin	1	1	0	0	0	3	2.31

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heaney	4⅔	4	6	6	4	5	5.52
Sborz L 0-1	1⅓	2	3	3	1	1	3.72
Leclerc	⅓	1	2	2	2	0	2.70
Kennedy	1⅔	2	1	1	0	2	7.27
Rodríguez	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.50

NP—Pfaadt 87, Ruiz 20, Mantiply 20, Castro 17, Chafin 19, Heaney 92, Sborz 28, Leclerc 14, Kennedy 44, Rodríguez 16. **T**—3:05. **A**—21,427 (40,518).

PADRES 7, REDS 1

CINCINNATI	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
India dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.281
Friedl cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.311
Steer 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.240
Stephenson c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.264
Fraley lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.235
Senzel 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.288
Fairchild rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.200
Newman 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.219
Barrero ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.221
Totals	**33**	**1**	**8**	**1**	**2**	**5**	

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Grisham cf	5	1	3	0	0	1	.236
Tatis rf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.255
Soto lf	2	0	1	3	3	0	.227
Bogaerts ss

NBA PLAYOFFS GAME 2 76ERS VS. CELTICS

CELTICS NOTEBOOK

MVP Embiid makes return from knee injury

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

The 76ers received a significant boost Wednesday when MVP center **Joel Embiid** was cleared to play in Game 2 of this conference semifinal series against the Celtics after missing Game 1 with a sprained knee. Embiid had been listed as doubtful on Tuesday.

There was some belief that after the 76ers won Game 1 they might err on the side of caution with Embiid. For coach **Doc Rivers**, the other option was even more appealing.

"Players, when they're healthy, they should play," he said. "And when they're not, they shouldn't play. That would be my answer. So I can guarantee you if Joel's playing, he's healthy."

Two weeks has passed since Embiid last played, so Rivers said the team would monitor his workload. He played 26 minutes, but sat out the fourth quarter with the Celtics in control.

Rivers said Embiid, who scored 15 points on 4 of 9 shooting, has improved his conditioning over the years.

"When you're a better conditioned athlete, you can come back quicker," Rivers said. "He's done pool work and all that stuff. It still doesn't matter. The one thing is your adrenaline in a game like this and in an atmosphere like this, early on, he's going to be tired."

Smart suits up

Marcus Smart played 27 minutes after being listed as questionable with a chest contusion. The guard said he initially suffered the injury when he took a hard fall during Boston's Game 3 loss to the Hawks. It has affected his breathing.

"Then [in Game 1 against the 76ers] I took a couple hits directly into the spot, caused more trauma to it," he said. "Some more swelling in my sternum, more bruising, obviously. But just like a bone bruise. There's really nothing I can do. I have to take my anti-inflammatory and hopefully that helps, and put some padding there and see how it goes."

Slowing down

Celtics star **Jayson Tatum** erupted for 39 points in Boston's Game 1 loss, but he appeared to lose steam as the game went on. In the fourth quarter he was just 1 for 4 from the field with 5 points. Tatum, who typically sits at the start of the fourth, played the entire second, third, and fourth quarters.

Celtics coach **Joe Mazzulla** mostly dismissed the suggestion that his slowdown was related to fatigue, however.

"I'm happy where he's at, happy with what he's giving us," Mazzulla said. "It's just we have to execute all the time, especially in late-game situations."

Honorable mention

Celtics president of basketball operations **Brad Stevens** finished fifth on voting for NBA executive of the year. Kings general manager **Monte McNair** won the award, which is voted on by a panel of league executives.

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Celtics vs. 76ers

Series tied, 1-1
Monday, May 1
Philadelphia 119.....at Boston 115
Wednesday, May 3
At Boston 121.....Philadelphia 87
Schedule
Friday at Philadelphia.....7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday at Philadelphia.....3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday at Boston.....TBA (TNT)
*Thur., May 11 at Philadelphia...TBA (ESPN)
*Sunday, May 14 at Boston.....TBA
* If necessary

Celtics hold Embiid quiet, roll in Game 2

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Embiid was listed as doubtful for Game 2 Tuesday night, when he was named NBA MVP. There was a belief that after stealing homecourt from the Celtics, and showing that they present real challenges even without Embiid, the 76ers would rest their star for one more game before bringing him back in Game 3.

But coach Doc Rivers stressed that if Embiid was healthy, he would play. And there he was, all 7 feet, 280 pounds of him, strutting onto the Garden court for tip-off. It could have been an intimidating sight for these Celtics, but the truth is they have generally dominated Embiid's teams over the years.

And while Embiid was effective as a rim protector — the one situation that required little lateral movement — his usual elegant footwork was missing.

Embiid, who finished with just 15 points and a season-low three rebounds, said his knee sprain was supposed to keep him out 4-6 weeks, but he ended up returning in two. He hopes that the rust will be gone now, but does not expect this to be easy.

"I'm not going to be 100 percent for the whole time, or I'm not going to be fully healed for the whole time," he said. "I felt pretty good to play and I felt like I could help the team."

His presence Wednesday seemed to allow the Celtics to get back to playing Philadelphia the way they are most comfortable after a Game 1 in which the 76ers spaced the floor for James Harden, who punished them inside and out.

Al Horford, Smart, and Grant Williams took turns on Embiid, bodying and bumping him and trying to make his return a hassle. Or, as Williams said he told Embiid after checking in: "I'm here to make you frustrated, and continue to make this hard for you every single night."

Embiid's reduced mobility made it even more difficult for him to challenge Boston's 3-point shooters, and spraying long-range shots was going to be an emphasis for the Celtics whether or not Embiid played.

In Game 1, Boston had early success getting to the rim and mostly abandoned long-range looks, attempting a season-low 26. Afterward, coach Joe Mazzulla said that was not a successful formula.

In Game 2, the Celtics connected on 20 of 51, setting a postseason franchise record for attempts. Surprisingly, Jayson Tatum had no part in the explosion.

The All-Star forward struggled through foul trouble and an off shooting night, and was not needed in the fourth quarter because the score was so lopsided. He finished with 7 points on 1 for 7 shooting, but received more than enough help.

Brown led the way with 25 points and Malcolm Brogdon came off the bench and scored 23. Williams, who was benched for much of the Hawks series, hit four 3-pointers.

But Mazzulla stressed that the good offense was a product of a focused, aggressive defense that was sparked by Brown's start. He put constant ball pressure on Harden, who erupted for 45 points in Game 1 but was just 2 for 14 Wednesday.

"First game, he had it rolling," Brown said. "Just embracing the challenge."

The 76ers pulled within 61-54 early in the third quarter before the Celtics' secondary options blew the game open. Embiid's struggles intensified, as he missed four shots in a row and committed a turnover during one stretch, and Boston's 3-pointers started pouring in.

Derrick White hit a pair during a 12-1 burst, and then Brogdon added three over a two-minute span, helping the Celtics take a 92-65 lead to the fourth.

Despite this rousing Celtics win, though, the 76ers return home in a decent spot. The Celtics have not always handled prosperity well this year, and good vibes can fade suddenly. They insist they're aware.

"Now it's a matter of, can you do the same thing in the next game?" Williams said. "Does that edge stay, or does that edge go away?"

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Jaylen Brown put up a 3-pointer over the 76ers defense on his way to 25 points in 30 minutes.

Celtics 121, 76ers 87

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS, GAME 2
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at TD Garden

Philadelphia

		TIME	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OREB	DREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	+/-	PTS
P.J. Tucker	F	21:21	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	3	-19	5
Tobias Harris	F	32:31	7-12	2-5	0-0	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	-21	16
Joel Embiid	C	26:37	4-9	0-2	7-8	0	3	3	0	5	0	3	2	-23	15
James Harden	G	32:20	2-14	0-6	8-10	1	9	10	4	0	0	0	2	-21	12
Tyrese Maxey	G	30:12	6-14	1-4	0-0	0	3	3	3	1	0	1	3	-25	13
Georges Niang		13:25	1-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-11	3
Paul Reed		16:23	3-4	0-0	0-0	3	5	8	2	1	0	1	2	-7	6
De'Anthony Melton		17:30	1-5	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	1	1	1	-12	2
Jalen McDaniels		12:39	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	-11	3
Jaden Springer		10:02	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-2	3
Shake Milton		8:36	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	-5	4
Danuel House Jr.		8:24	1-5	0-3	1-1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-5	3
Dewayne Dedmon		5:00	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	-4	0
Furkan Korkmaz		5:00	0-1	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-4	2
Totals			31-79	6-30	19-23	6	35	41	13	8	2	11	17		87
			39.2%	20.0%	82.6%			Team: 7				13 pts.			

Technical fouls: .

Boston

		TIME	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OREB	DREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	+/-	PTS
Jayson Tatum	F	19:20	1-7	0-3	5-5	0	7	7	3	1	0	2	4	+24	7
Jaylen Brown	F	30:04	9-17	3-6	4-4	0	3	3	4	0	2	1	1	+18	25
Al Horford	C	23:37	2-10	1-8	0-0	1	6	7	2	2	1	0	2	+19	5
Marcus Smart	G	27:00	7-14	1-4	0-0	1	4	5	2	1	0	1	0	+17	15
Derrick White	G	29:53	5-9	3-6	2-2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	+23	15
Payton Pritchard		12:00	3-3	1-1	1-1	0	2	2	3	0	1	2	1	+7	8
Robert Williams		21:35	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	4	7	4	3	0	0	1	+12	2
Malcolm Brogdon		24:10	7-15	6-10	3-4	0	6	6	2	1	0	0	2	+11	23
Grant Williams		28:57	4-8	4-8	0-0	1	3	4	4	0	1	0	2	+22	12
Sam Hauser		8:24	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	+5	0
Justin Champagnie		5:00	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	+4	0
Mike Muscala		5:00	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	+4	3
Luke Kornet		5:00	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	+4	6
Totals			43-92	20-51	15-16	8	38	46	26	8	6	6	17		121
			46.7%	39.2%	93.8%			Team: 8				5 pts.			

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Philadelphia	**22**	**27**	**16**	**22**	—	**87**
Boston	**28**	**29**	**35**	**29**	—	**121**

Attendance: 19,156 (105.6% of 18,624). Time of game: 2:13. Officials: Zach Zarba, Kevin Scott, Rodney Mott.

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James Harden was just 2 of 10 from the field in the first half Wednesday, with nine rebounds.

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NBA scoring champion Joel Embiid returned for Game 2 but wasn't at his best (15 points).

NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA NOTEBOOK

Struggling Suns could be without Paul in Game 3

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cameron Payne was a surprise hero for a few games during the Phoenix Suns' run to the NBA Finals two seasons ago.

The team might need a similar effort from the backup point guard on Friday.

The host Suns could be without veteran point guard **Chris Paul** for Game 3 as they try to climb out of a 2-0 hole against the Denver Nuggets in their Western Conference semifinal series.

Paul suffered a strained left groin Monday in Game 2 and is considered "day to day," according to an update from the team late Tuesday. Coach **Monty Williams** didn't completely rule out the 12-time All-Star for Game 3 during practice Wednesday, but the Suns sounded like a team that's preparing to play at least one game without him.

Paul was boxing out **Kentavious Caldwell-Pope** in Game 2 when the Nuggets guard went up for an offensive rebound with a little less than five minutes left in the third quarter. Shortly after the play, Paul went to the locker room.

"Whether it's **Chris Paul**, **Cameron Payne**, **Landry Shamet**, our game plan remains the same," Nuggets coach **Michael Malone** said. "Down, 2-0, we're going to get their best effort and we have to exceed that."

McNair top boss

Sacramento Kings general manager **Monte McNair** is the NBA Executive of the Year. In his third season with the Kings, McNair assembled a squad that finished 48-34 and snapped a 16-year playoff drought.

In May 2022, McNair hired **Mike Brown**, who was voted the first-ever unanimous NBA Coach of the Year this season. McNair also orchestrated the acquisitions of **Kevin Huerter** (trade) and **Malik Monk** (free agency) and selected **Keegan Murray** in the first round of the NBA draft. Murray finished fifth in the Rookie of the Year voting.

Lakers are contenders?

LeBron James no longer has to do it all against **Stephen Curry** on the big stage. Not even close. **Anthony Davis** plugs the middle and takes away the easy chances inside. **Dennis Schröder** has the energy to help chase No. 30 all over the court. **D'Angelo Russell** can hit a big shot with a hand in his face.

That's the thing about these new-look Lakers — they take so much pressure off the game's all-time scoring leader and James believes in them, even with the defending champions on a 14-0 run with their home crowd rocking.

Davis had 30 points, 23 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 blocked shots, James added 22 points and 11 rebounds dueling with Curry in their latest postseason showdown, and Los Angeles held off a late flurry by the Golden State Warriors to win Game 1 in the Western Conference semifinals, 117-112, Tuesday night in San Francisco.

"We've been playing playoff basketball for about 2½ months now just to punch our clock to be able to play right now in the postseason," James said. "We were very resilient tonight . . . We know how great they are on their home floor, so to withstand that, it's another good step for our ballclub."

James's 23 points were his third-fewest in 23 playoff games against the Warriors. His previous low in a win was 27 in Game 7 of 2016 Finals.

Jordan Poole missed a 3-pointer to tie the game with 9.7 seconds left as the Warriors' rally in the closing minutes fell short. Curry's three with 1:38 left tied the game, then Russell answered right back before Davis blocked a Curry shot moments later.

Curry scored 27 points, Splash Brother **Klay Thompson** had 25, and **Kevon Looney** grabbed a career-high 23 rebounds for his fourth game of this postseason with 20 or more.

Celtics harden stance, play like champs do

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expected to win every game by 30 points, but they should be expected to play with this type of desire, regardless of how well they play.

"I'm convinced we have a great locker room and a great team," Mazzulla said of his team's ability to play this intensely for the rest of the series. "When we play to our level, we have a chance to win. So we have to keep that level."

Game 2 was a masterpiece. The Celtics coasted despite the return of Embiid, the new MVP who announced after winning the award on Tuesday night that he was back after missing two weeks with a knee injury. His presence was apparently supposed to boost his team after James Harden dropped 45 in the 76ers' stunning Game 1 win.

Instead, the Celtics appeared more comfortable with Embiid in the middle. He did protect the paint with five blocks, but the 76ers also played at a slower pace, took fewer 3-pointers, and got virtually nothing from their bench, unlike Game 1.

You could call Game 1 an aberration, a rare combination of the 76ers' exceptional shooting and the Celtics botching the final minutes. But the demoralizing loss appeared to reinvigorate the players in the time between games and they put a heavier emphasis on the game plan, especially containing Harden.

Once they began impacting Harden's ability to score and distribute with Jaylen Brown's full-court pressure, the 76ers' offense fizzled, and the Celtics took control.

"We've got to tip our hats to JB," Smart said. "He started the whole momentum for us right away. He set the tone. We just had to follow his lead. When you've got one of your best players setting the tone like that, it's hard not to follow. He's right, our defense has been slipping and we just wanted to come out and get back to what we do best."

It's been hard to determine an identity for the Celtics during this playoff run. They defended at times during the Atlanta series but mostly outscored the Hawks. Game 1 of this series was one of their worst defensive efforts in years, meaning there had to be some type of response.

The response was taking every defensive possession seriously, being meticulous on their switches and being physical without over-fouling. The 76ers shot under 38 percent through three quarters — when the game was competitive —and 4 for 21 from the 3-point line.

"Give them credit, I thought their ball pressure ate us up all night," Philadelphia coach Doc Rivers said. "They pressured us. They denied us. They played in our airspace. It's funny, we talked about it this morning, talked about it before the game, and you can talk about intensity and force all you want but when you're on the court and it's actually being applied to you, you have to be able to handle it. We didn't handle it very well."

For the first time in a while, the Celtics punched first and never stopped. They were Muhammad Ali against Cleveland Williams, overwhelming the 76ers with relentless defense, ball movement and pinpoint shooting. These were the great Celtics on Wednesday, the team capable of winning an NBA championship.

They needed to be great in Game 2. Their pride was at stake.

"We underperformed last game and we wanted to come out and play to the best of our ability," Brown said. "It's a long series; just embracing the challenge of setting the tone on defense is going to be the key. We're going to need each and every guy on our team to embrace those challenges. I think we all should be excited to embrace that challenge.

"You've got to be worthy of what you say you want to do. These are the moments and tests you have to persevere through. All of these challenges you can't run from it, you can't hide. You just have to accept it head on."

Are the Celtics ready to carry over this performance to the rest of the series? The rest of the playoffs? Are their wild inconsistencies and mental lapses behind them after the Game 1 embarrassment?

It's too early to tell, but Wednesday was the response they desperately needed. It's the type of response that championship teams make. They don't languish over their setbacks; they rebound with more intensity, vigor, and determination.

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It was a stress-free final few minutes for those on the Celtics' bench near the end of Game 2.

MVP Embiid should have sat out Game 2

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The Celtics hope that hoops history repeats itself now that Embiid has injected himself into this series. The nimble 7-footer was back on the court for the first time since he sprained the LCL (lateral collateral ligament) in his right knee in Game 3 of the Sixers first-round sweep of the Brooklyn Nets back on April 20.

The lackadaisical Celtics endured one of their trademark letdowns in Game 1 on Monday, letting an Embiid-less Philly team nip them at the fourth-quarter finish line behind the heroics of James Harden. Bad form from the favored Celtics at a bad time.

The Celtics appear reluctant to accept the clear path back to the NBA Finals that the injury and upset-laden East has unfurled. But they left no doubt in Game 2 with the statement victory that Brogdon (23 points) said they needed.

Embiid finished with 15 points, 3 rebounds, and 5 first-half blocks in 26 minutes and 37 seconds of action.

The majority of lift Embiid displayed on his knee was emotional.

The two-time NBA scoring champion moved deliberately and gingerly early. This looked more like Willis Reed than the Real Embiid.

But he warmed up as the game went on and punctuated a 13-point first half by wheeling around Al Horford for an emphatic dunk.

Embiid admitted he felt "rusty" and "not myself."

"There's no excuses. I'm out here. So, I'm good. I'm good to play," he said.

"For him, he got out there and was just really trying to feel himself out out there and see what felt right for him," said teammate Tobias Harris. "Obviously, he's not 100 percent, but at the end of the day he's out there, and he's giving it his all. That's all we can ask for. Game 3 he'll have even more of a comfort level out there, and you'll see him be as dominant as he can be."

Returning to game action for the first time in 13 days, Embiid made his presence felt in the first half defensively. He blocked five shots in the first 17-plus minutes. After the fifth, a stuff of Brodgon with 6:47 left in the half, Embiid lingered under the Boston basket and didn't even try to get back down court with his teammates.

Further confirmation he was compromised physically.

The most obvious sign that The Process was playing at less than full efficacy came via the large brace he sported on his right knee, visible underneath white compression tights.

Anything slowing Embiid down is good news for the Green, considering the only regular season game they lost to the 76ers featured a 52-point tour de force from the league's preeminent pivot. He averaged 36.8 points and 11.8 rebounds per game against them in four contests.

Pre-game, old friend Doc Rivers talked about how joyous a couple of days it was for the Sixers, stealing Game 1 at the Garden on Monday and then celebrating Embiid, who broke down in tears, being announced as MVP on Tuesday after finishing as runner-up to Nikola Jokic the prior two seasons.

Rivers didn't hesitate to crown his center a historic big man, calling him a cross between Patrick Ewing and Hakeem Olajuwon.

The Sixers could've had those two guys and Embiid on the court in the third quarter, and it wouldn't have mattered.

It's not an ideal era to be a dominant NBA big man. The current game bows down at the altar of the 3-pointer.

The Celtics caught fire from beyond the arc in the third, hitting 7 of 15 after draining eight the entire first half, expanding an eight-point halftime lead into a 92-65 deluge from downtown. The Sixers started just 3 of 20 from 3-point range.

That differential cracked Philly like the Liberty Bell.

"I thought protecting the rim was fine. It was just the threes and not being able to keep the ball in front of us," said Embiid. "If you can't keep the ball in front of you that's going to create rotations, and now you're giving up wide-open threes. They took advantage of it."

Adding insult to his injury, Embiid had one of his third-quarter baskets overturned after a replay review during a stoppage determined he released it after the 24-second clock expired. That instantly turned an assumed 20-point deficit into a 23-point one.

It was that kind of night for the phenomenal Philly center and his team.

Embiid has already taken his place among the pantheon of hated Sixers centers around here.

This has played out before between these ancient enemies — the Sixers sporting a physically imposing big man, and the Celtics rebuffing him.

The question of course for the Sixers will be how Embiid bounces back. Can he withstand the rigors of a series that is scheduled to go every other night through a potential Game 6 on May 11?

There was some school of thought that the Sixers should've just pocketed their parquet winnings and let Embiid rest up for Game 3 on Friday.

"I'm supposed to be out for four to six weeks or something like that, so I'm not going to be 100 percent for the whole time or not going to be fully healed for that whole time," said Embiid

"I just felt like it was the same result as far as how I'm feeling. ... I feel like I just got this out of the way."

Rivers said, "We're not going to risk him for anything."

They risked him for nothing it turned out.

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Game 2 against the Celtics went a little different than Game 1 did for Doc Rivers and the 76ers, who head home tied, 1-1.

Results, schedules

Eastern Conference

NEW YORK VS. MIAMI

Series tied at 1
Sunday, April 30
Miami 108 ..... at New York 101
Tuesday, May 2
At New York 111 ..... Miami 105
Schedule
Saturday at Miami 3:30
Monday at Miami 7:30
Wednesday, May 10 at New York ..... TBA
*Friday, May 12 at Miami ..... TBA
*Monday, May 15 at New York 8

Western Conference

DENVER VS. PHOENIX

Nuggets lead series, 2-0
Saturday, April 29
At Denver 125 ..... Phoenix 107
Monday, May 1
At Denver 97 ..... Phoenix 87
Schedule
Friday at Phoenix 10
Sunday at Phoenix 8
*Tuesday at Denver ..... TBA
*Thursday, May 11 at Phoenix ..... TBA
*Sunday, May 14 at Denver ..... TBA

GOLDEN STATE VS. LA LAKERS

Lakers lead series, 1-0
Tuesday, May 2
LA Lakers 117 ..... at Golden State 112
Schedule
Thursday at Golden State 9
Saturday at LA Lakers 8:30
Monday at LA Lakers 10
*Wednesday, May 10 at Golden State TBA
*Friday, May 12 at LA Lakers ..... TBA
*Sunday, May 14 at Golden State ..... TBA

* If necessary

KNICKS 111, HEAT 105

Tuesday night game

MIAMI

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Love	24	2-9	2-4	2-6	1	1	8
Martin	38	8-15	2-2	2-8	1	2	22
Adebayo	38	5-10	5-7	2-8	6	5	15
Strus	25	7-12	0-0	0-1	1	5	17
Vincent	41	7-17	3-3	0-2	5	3	21
Highsmith	15	2-3	0-1	2-3	2	2	5
Lowry	31	3-9	0-0	0-4	6	2	6
Zeller	7	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
D.Robinson	21	3-9	0-0	0-1	2	2	9
Totals		38-85	12-17	8-34	24	24	105

FG%: .447, FT%: .706. 3-pt. goals: 17-49, .347 (Love 2-8, Martin 4-8, Strus 3-7, Vincent 4-12, Highsmith 1-2, Lowry 0-4, D.Robinson 3-8). Team rebounds: 9. Team turnovers: 7 (9 pts.). Blocks: 2 (Adebayo, Lowry). Turnovers: 6 (Love 2, Adebayo, Highsmith, Lowry, Zeller). Steals: 1 (Lowry). Technicals: def. 3-second, 1:18/1st.

NEW YORK

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Barrett	38	8-17	3-5	1-3	3	1	24
Randle	38	8-18	6-6	1-12	8	1	25
Robinson	21	2-3	2-6	3-5	0	4	6
Hart	32	4-11	4-7	1-11	9	3	14
Brunson	39	10-19	4-4	1-5	2	1	30
Hartenstein	26	1-2	1-1	4-9	1	5	3
Grimes	26	1-3	1-1	0-3	0	2	3
Quickley	9	3-7	0-0	0-1	0	2	6
Toppin	10	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Totals		37-82	21-30	11-50	23	20	111

FG%: .451, FT%: .700. 3-pt. goals: 16-40, .400 (Barrett 5-9, Randle 3-9, Hart 2-4, Brunson 6-10, Grimes 0-2, Quickley 0-4, Toppin 0-2). Team rebounds: 13. Team turnovers: 11 (22 pts.). Blocks: 2 (Hartenstein, Grimes). Turnovers: 10 (Barrett 3, Randle 3, Hart, Brunson, Quickley 2). Steals: 4 (Hart, Brunson 2, Hartenstein).

Miami	29	25	23	28	— 105
New York	31	20	25	35	— 111

A — 19,812 (19,763). T — 2:33. Officials — Scott Foster, Curtis Blair, Mark Lindsay.

LAKERS 117, WARRIORS 112

Tuesday night game

LA LAKERS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Vanderbilt	26	2-7	3-4	3-6	2	4	8
James	40	9-24	3-4	2-11	4	0	22
Davis	44	11-19	8-8	4-23	5	2	30
Reaves	39	4-9	0-0	2-5	3	2	10
Russell	33	9-19	0-1	0-3	6	1	19
Gabriel	4	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Hachimura	11	2-2	2-2	1-1	1	0	6
Schroder	31	5-10	9-10	0-2	3	2	19
Brown	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
Totals		43-92	25-29	13-53	24	12	117

FG%: .467, FT%: .862. 3-pt. goals: 6-25, .240 (Vanderbilt 1-3, James 1-8, Davis 0-2, Reaves 2-5, Russell 1-5, Schroder 0-1, Brown 1-1). Team rebounds: 10. Team turnovers: 8 (14 pts.). Blocks: 10 (Vanderbilt 2, James 3, Davis 4, Russell). Turnovers: 8 (Vanderbilt, James 4, Davis, Russell, Hachimura). Steals: 4 (Vanderbilt 2, Russell, Schroder).

GOLDEN STATE

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
D.Green	34	3-9	0-0	1-4	7	4	6
Wiggins	34	6-14	2-2	3-6	0	3	15
Looney	29	5-11	0-0	7-23	5	3	10
Thompson	37	9-25	1-2	0-3	4	3	25
Curry	38	10-24	1-1	0-6	3	3	27
Payton	12	1-3	0-0	2-3	2	1	2
Poole	30	7-15	1-1	0-0	6	5	21
Moody	6	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
DiVincenzo	12	0-1	0-0	0-3	2	1	0
J.Green	8	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	6
Totals		43-106	5-6	14-49	30	24	112

FG%: .406, FT%: .833. 3-pt. goals: 21-53, .396 (D.Green 0-1, Wiggins 1-5, Thompson 6-16, Curry 6-13, Payton 0-2, Poole 6-11, DiVincenzo 0-1, J.Green 2-4). Team rebounds: 5. Team turnovers: 8 (9 pts.). Blocks: 3 (D.Green 3). Turnovers: 8 (Wiggins 2, Looney, Curry 5). Steals: 5 (D.Green, Curry, Poole, DiVincenzo 2). Technicals: D.Green, 1:24/3rd.

LA Lakers	29	36	31	21	— 117
Golden State	31	33	24	24	— 112

A — 18,064 (18,064). T — 2:21. Officials — Marc Davis, Ed Malloy, Nick Buchert.

FINAL REGULAR-SEASON LEADERS

SCORING

	FG	FT	Pts.	PPG
Embiid, PHI	728	661	2183	33.1
Doncic, DAL	719	515	2138	32.4
Lillard, POR	556	510	1866	32.2
Alexander, OKC	704	669	2135	31.4
Antetokounmpo, MIL	707	498	1959	31.1
Tatum, BOS	727	531	2225	30.1
Mitchell, CLE	679	319	1922	28.3
Irving, DAL	594	247	1623	27.1
Brown, BOS	679	263	1784	26.6
Young, ATL	597	566	1914	26.2
Morant, MEM	566	372	1596	26.2
Markkanen, UTA	571	349	1691	25.6
Randle, NYK	658	402	1936	25.1
Fox, SAC	682	343	1826	25.0
LaVine, CHI	673	363	1913	24.8

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	Att.	Pct.
Claxton, BKN	414	587	.705
Plumlee, LAC	329	484	.680
Gobert, MIN	360	546	.659
Capela, ATL	350	536	.653
Allen, CLE	403	626	.644
Okongwu, ATL	317	497	.638
Zubac, LAC	326	514	.634
Jokic, DEN	646	1022	.632
Poeltl, TOR	389	618	.629

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE NOTEBOOK

Points made with long sticks

By Zachary Lyons
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Lacrosse teams are allowed to use four long poles at any time, but that option is rarely utilized on the offensive end. Players like **Donald Varnerin** are exceptions.

The Westwood senior has been pushing the boundaries of what it means to be a long-stick midfielder in modern lacrosse and upending the narrative that LSMs can't be the same kind of offensive threat as short sticks. Varnerin, a Boston University commit, amassed 28 points (17 goals, 11 assists) during his junior season, and has 10 goals this year during a 6-3 start for Westwood, raising his career total to 39 in three years.

"He baits people into doing things they don't want to do, and creates unsettled opportunities for us," said Westwood coach **Todd Zahurak**. "He's a shooter. He moves the goalie and shoots to spots with purpose."

Typically, teams will use three players with long poles as designated defenders, with an LSM functioning as an extra defender who can transition between the offensive and defensive ends. Coaches might call for an extra pole when their team is shorthanded, but using an extra pole on man-up scenarios is rarely seen.

At Needham, some dynamic long-pole players also are breaking the mold. Juniors **Jimmy Kenney** (6 goals, 5 assists), **Jack Curran** (5 goals 4 assists), and **Jack Wajda** (4 goals, 2 assists) are often involved in Needham's standard offense and man-up packages.

"They are all hunters and ambush guys," said Needham coach **Dave Wainwright**. "We trust them with everything. All three of them have scored multiple goals. We don't want our best players off the field."

So where do the offensive opportunities come from for LSMs? The common answer from players and coaches was "chaos."

"The best part of [Varnerin's] game is between the boxes," said Zahurak. "He wreaks havoc everywhere."

Varnerin loves the freedom that the LSM position allows. With a combination of size and quickness, he can catch people in the open field to jar the ball loose or swat down passes to create transition opportunities.

Varnerin's stick skills enable him to stay on the field in six-on-six situations, and he has the potential to trap an offensive midfielder in the defensive end. Dodging as a short stick is difficult, but dodging as a long pole is nearly unheard of, yet Varnerin has that skill set.

"I think LSMs can play offense without a doubt, and it's evolving in the game more than ever," said Varnerin.

Wainwright trusts his poles and encourages them to be confident with the ball in transition and in the offensive end.

"We are lucky enough that Wainwright has embraced the modern strategy called NASCAR lacrosse," said Kenney, who is committed to Notre Dame. "It gives the LSM the freedom to create in transition and create slow breaks, and we've been lucky enough to get the green light to take it to the rack if we can."

Kenney and Curran both play on the man-up opportunities with their long poles for Needham, and Varnerin is the sole LSM on Westwood's man-up line. While that is a small part of their offensive contributions, it is an unexpected wrinkle that often catches opponents off-guard.

Globe Top 20

No.		Rec.	Last
1.	St. John's Prep	11-1	1
2.	Hingham	10-1	2
3.	BC High	8-1	3
4.	Franklin	10-1	5
5.	Acton-Boxborough	8-3	6
6.	Reading	9-1	7
7.	Duxbury	9-3	8
8.	Lincoln-Sudbury	6-4	4
9.	Norwell	8-2	12
10.	Needham	8-3	13
11.	Chelmsford	8-4	—
12.	Wellesley	8-1	14
13.	North Andover	7-3	11
14.	Xaverian	6-4	9
15.	Cohasset	11-1	19
16.	Concord-Carlisle	8-3	16
17.	Marblehead	9-0	17
18.	Andover	7-2	—
19.	Billerica	6-5	10
20.	Nauset	8-2	—

Quick sticks

■ The MIAA debuted power rankings for all spring sports recently and updated them Tuesday. The top 32 teams in all four divisions qualify for the statewide tournament if eligible.

Defending D1 state champion St. John's Prep sits atop the rankings, with two-time finalist BC High right behind. Acton-Boxborough, Franklin, Hingham, and Lincoln-Sudbury follow in Division 1. Reading holds a slight lead over Duxbury, Nauset, and 2022 state finalist Billerica in Division 2. Defending state champion Norwell holds a sizable lead atop D3 and Cohasset leads the field in D4, with Sandwich closely following.

■ Nauset senior captain **Andrew Berardi** compiled a program-record 12 goals during Saturday's 16-8 win over Bridgewater-Raynham . . . Old Colony junior **Stu Burnham** topped 100 career goals during Monday's 14-4 win over Southeastern . . . Hanover freshman **Charlie Campbell** scored four goals in his varsity debut to lift the Hawks in an 8-6 win over Pembroke Tuesday . . . Hingham freshman **Cam McKenna** scored four goals to help the Harbormen seal an 11-8 win over archrival Duxbury.

■ **Ryan Quinn** has been named interim coach at Xaverian for the remainder of the season, replacing **Daggett Morse** . . . Weston coach **Jim Wilcon** earned his 150th career win Tuesday . . . Reading climbed out of a 6-0 hole for a 9-6 win over Lincoln-Sudbury Monday, earning the program's first win over the Warriors.

Globe correspondent Nate Weitzer contributed to this report.

SportsLog

AP: Messi moving on come season's end

Lionel Messi is set to leave Paris Saint-Germain when his contract expires at the end of the season after two years with the French soccer club, according to an Associated Press source, with London's Telegraph reporting Saudi Arabia is preparing to offer the Argentine star a $400 million annual contract to play in its league. The AP source said Messi's departure was a mutual decision, with the news coming a day after PSG suspended the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner following his trip to Saudi Arabia without the club's permission. (Messi has a commercial contract with Saudi Arabia to promote tourism there.) The Saudi deal would nearly double the one **Cristiano Ronaldo** signed late last year.

Man City reclaims EPL edge

Erling Haaland set another Premier League goals record and title-chasing Manchester City secured three more points with a 3-0 win against West Ham. The Norway striker's 70th-minute tally gave him 35 in his first English season, surpassing **Alan Shearer** and **Andy Cole** with five matches to go. The win moved City back a point above Arsenal (which had gone to the top of the table Tuesday) with a game in hand . . . Liverpool moved to within four points of fourth-place Manchester United with a 1-0 win over Fulham, **Mohamed Salah's** 39th-minute penalty good for a fifth straight league win. United has two games in hand for the EPL's final Champions League place.

GOLF

Four cut ties to dodge fine

Lee Westwood, **Ian Poulter**, **Sergio Garcia**, and **Richard Bland** resigned from the DP World Tour instead of facing fines of $125,000 for playing LIV Golf events without permission. The tour thanked the four players for their contributions — particularly Westwood, Garcia, and Poulter for their roles in Europe's dominance of the Ryder Cup — but stressed "the sanctions imposed upon them are a consequence of their own choices." The decision stems from last month's ruling by Sport Resolutions that a number of players committed serious breaches of the tour's code of behavior, and allowed the fines to be imposed . . . **Joe LaCava**, who has caddied for **Tiger Woods** since 2011 and helped him win his fifth Masters in 2019, has accepted a full-time role with **Patrick Cantlay**, the world's fourth-ranked golfer. Woods underwent foot surgery last month. "That would never, ever, ever be done if Tiger would not OK that," **Justin Thomas**, who is close friends with Woods, said.

TENNIS

Raducanu out for two Slams

Emma Raducanu, the 2021 US Open champion, will miss the French Open and Wimbledon after announcing she is having what she called "minor" procedures on both hands and an ankle and expects to be sidelined for "the next few months." The 20-year-old Brit, ranked No. 85, has struggled with a series of injuries, pulling out of the Madrid Open because of a hand problem she said she's dealt with for 10 months . . . Defending men's champion **Carlos Alcaraz** overcame a tough test from **Karen Khachanov** at the Madrid Open, rallying late in the second set for a 6-4, 7-5 win that set up a semifinal against **Borna Coric** on Alcaraz's 20th birthday. Women's No. 1 **Iga Swiatek** also made it to the last four in the Spanish capital, cruising to a 6-0, 6-3 win over **Petra Martic**. Swiatek will next face **Veronika Kudermetova**, who reached the semifinals of a WTA 1000 event for the first time by upsetting third-seeded American **Jessica Pegula**.

MISCELLANY

Mahomes' brother charged

Jackson Mahomes, the brother of Kansas City Chiefs quarterback **Patrick Mahomes**, was booked into jail on three counts of aggravated sexual battery and one count of battery over an alleged altercation with the owner of a Kansas restaurant in late February. Under conditions of his bond, the 22-year-old won't be allowed to discuss his case publicly, but his attorney previously released a statement that there was "substantial evidence refuting the claims of Jackson's accuser." . . . The Baltimore Ravens signed free-agent defensive back **Rock Ya-Sin**, who has started 38 games in four NFL seasons with Indianapolis and, most recently, Las Vegas . . . **Tori Bowie**, who won three medals at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, has died at the age of 32. According to the Orange County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office, Bowie was found dead in her home during a well-being check, with "no signs of foul play." In Rio, Bowie won silver in the 100 and bronze in the 200, then anchored the gold-winning 4x100-meter relay team . . . **Calvin Davis**, the Olympic bronze medalist in the 400 hurdles at the 1996 Atlanta Games, died Monday, according to the University of Arkansas. He was 51 . . . **Ralph Boston**, the Olympic long jump champion who was the first person to reach the 27-foot mark and had his world record eclipsed by **Bob Beamon's** record-shattering leap in 1968, died Sunday. He was 83, and passed at his home near Atlanta.

Scoreboard

Baseball

TRIPLE-A INTERNATIONAL

EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Norfolk	20	7	.741	—
Durham	16	11	.593	4
Syracuse	14	14	.500	6½
Jacksonville	13	13	.500	6½
Lehigh Valley	13	14	.481	7
Worcester	13	14	.481	7
Charlotte	12	16	.429	8½
Buffalo	11	16	.407	9
Scranton/W.-Barre	11	17	.393	9½
Rochester	9	17	.346	10½

WEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Memphis	19	9	.679	—
Iowa	16	8	.667	1
Toledo	17	9	.654	1
St. Paul	15	11	.577	3
Nashville	15	12	.556	3½
Columbus	12	14	.462	6
Gwinnett	11	16	.407	7½
Indianapolis	10	16	.385	8
Omaha	10	16	.385	8
Louisville	10	17	.370	8½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Buffalo (ppd.) at Worcester
At Toledo 4, Indianapolis 3
Louisville 7, at Omaha 4
Lehigh Valley (ppd.) at Syracuse
At Memphis 6, Jacksonville 5
Indianapolis 9, at Toledo 0
Rochester (ppd.) at Scranton/W.-Barre
At Norfolk 9, Durham 1
At Columbus 10, Iowa 2
Charlotte 6, at Gwinnett 3
At St. Paul 5, Nashville 3

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Buffalo at Worcester, 6:45
Durham at Norfolk, 12:05
Jacksonville at Memphis, 12:05
Iowa at Columbus, 6:15
Indianapolis at Toledo, 6:35
Rochester at Scranton/W.-Barre, 6:35
Lehigh Valley at Syracuse, 6:35
Charlotte at Gwinnett, 7:05
Louisville at Omaha, 7:35
Nashville at St. Paul, 7:37

DOUBLE-A EASTERN

NORTHEAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	16	5	.762	—
Somerset	13	8	.619	3
Hartford	11	9	.550	4½
Binghamton	10	10	.500	5½
New Hampshire	9	11	.450	6½
Reading	7	14	.333	9

SOUTHWEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Richmond	14	7	.667	—
Altoona	10	10	.500	3½
Akron	9	11	.450	4½
Harrisburg	9	11	.450	4½
Erie	9	13	.409	5½
Bowie	6	14	.300	7½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

At Akron 6, Portland 0
Harrisburg 4, at New Hampshire 0
Erie 12, at Bowie 7
Binghamton 5, at Somerset 1
Altoona 5, at Richmond 4
Reading 12, at Hartford 6

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Portland at Akron, 6:35
Harrisburg at New Hampshire, 4:05
Erie at Bowie, 6:35
Altoona at Richmond, 6:35
Binghamton at Somerset, 6:35
Harrisburg at New Hampshire, 7:05
Reading at Hartford, 7:10

Akron, 6-0

At Canal Park, Akron, Ohio

PORTLAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Sikes rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.232
Yorke 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.271
Rafaela cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.288
Kavadas 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.203
Lugo 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.281
Binelas dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.203
Scott c	2	0	0	0	1	2	.288
Koss ss	2	0	0	0	1	2	.182
McDonugh lf	2	0	1	0	1	1	.211
Totals	**28**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**4**	**19**	

AKRON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Escobedo rf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.278
Martinez 2b	2	0	1	2	2	0	.190
Tena ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.167
Lavastida dh	3	1	0	0	1	2	.176
Rodriguez lf	3	1	1	1	1	2	.222
Naranjo 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.185
Kokx cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.188
Bracho 3b	3	2	1	1	1	1	.190
Amditis c	3	0	0	1	1	1	.103
Totals	**28**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**8**	**8**	

Portland	000	000	000	—	**0**	**3**	**0**
Akron	010	014	00x	—	**6**	**6**	**0**

LOB—Portland 5, Akron 6. **2B**—Tena. **3B**—Martinez. **HR**—Bracho. **SB**—Tena 2, Rodriguez. **CS**—Scott, Escobedo. **DP**—Akron 2.

Portland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Van Belle	5	4	2	2	3	3	1.23
Arias	⅔	2	4	4	3	2	5.91
Spacke	1⅓	0	0	0	2	2	0.87
Fernandez	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

Akron	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cantillo	5	1	0	0	2	13	0.55
Hart	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Hickman	1	1	0	0	0	1	5.25
Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.61
Labaut	1	0	0	0	2	3	0.00
Hanner	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.73

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MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
NE Revolution	10	6	3	1	21
FC Cincinnati	10	6	3	1	21
Atlanta United	10	5	3	2	18
Nashville SC	10	4	3	3	15
NYCFC	10	4	3	3	15
Columbus Crew	10	4	2	4	14
D.C. United	10	4	2	4	14
Orlando	9	4	2	3	14
Toronto FC	10	2	6	2	12
Philadlphia Union	9	3	2	4	11
Chicago Fire FC	9	2	5	2	11
Inter Miami CF	9	3	0	6	9
CF Montreal	9	3	0	6	9
Charlotte FC	10	2	3	5	9
NY Red Bulls	10	1	6	3	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**GP**	**W**	**D**	**L**	**Pts.**
Seattle Sounders	10	6	2	2	20
St. Louis City SC	10	6	1	3	19
LAFC	8	5	3	0	18
FC Dallas	10	4	3	3	15
SJ Earthquakes	10	4	3	3	15
Houston Dynamo	8	4	1	3	13
Minnesota United	9	3	3	3	12
Portland Timbers	10	3	2	5	11
Van. Whitecaps	9	2	5	2	11
Real Salt Lake	9	3	1	5	10
Austin FC	9	2	3	4	9
Colorado Rapids	10	1	6	3	9
LA Galaxy	9	1	3	5	6
Sporting KC	10	0	3	7	3

Premier League

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Manchester City	33	25	4	4	79
Arsenal	34	24	6	4	78
Newcastle	33	18	11	4	65
Man. United	32	19	6	7	63
Liverpool	34	17	8	9	59
Tottenham	34	16	6	12	54
Aston Villa	34	16	6	12	54
Brighton	31	15	7	9	52
Brentford	34	12	14	8	50
Fulham	34	13	6	15	45
Crystal Palace	34	10	10	14	40
Chelsea	33	10	9	14	39
AFC Bournmouth	34	11	6	17	39
Wolverhampton	34	10	7	17	37
West Ham	34	9	7	18	34
Leicester City	34	8	6	20	30
Leeds United	34	7	9	18	30
Nottingham Frest	34	7	9	18	30
Everton	34	6	11	17	29
Southampton	34	6	6	22	24

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

At Liverpool 1, Fulham 0

THURSDAY'S GAME

Man. United at Brighton, 3

Auto Racing

FORMULA 1 STANDINGS

1. Max Verstappen	93
2. Sergio Perez	87
3. Fernando Alonso	60
4. Lewis Hamilton	48
5. Carlos Sainz Jr	34
6. Charles Leclerc	28
7. George Russell	28
8. Lance Stroll	27
9. Lando Norris	10
10. Nico Hulkenberg	6

Golf

PGA TOUR LEADERS

MONEY LEADERS

1. Jon Rahm, $14,462,840; 2. Scottie Scheffler, $12,508,495; 3. Max Homa, $7,776,012; 4. Sam Burns, $5,854,274; 5. Patrick Cantlay, $5,805,625; 6. Kurt Kitayama, $5,729,508; 7. Jordan Spieth, $5,549,622; 8. Rory McIlroy, $5,333,286; 9. Matthew Fitzpatrick, $5,202,388; 10. Tony Finau, $5,091,501.

WORLD RANKING

1. Jon Rahm, 10.737; 2. Scottie Scheffler, 10.293; 3. Rory McIlroy, 8.543; 4. Patrick Cantlay, 7.405; 5. Xander Schauffele, 5.948; 6. Matthew Fitzpatrick, 5.584; 7. Max Homa, 5.544; 8. Cameron Smith, 5.446; 9. Will Zalatoris, 5.132; 10. Jordan Spieth, 5.105.

	THU 5/4	FRI 5/5	SAT 5/6	SUN 5/7	MON 5/8	TUE 5/9	WED 5/10
Red Sox	TOR 6:10 NESN	PHI 7:05 NESN	PHI 7:15 Fox	PHI 1:35 NESN		ATL 7:20 NESN, TBS	ATL 7:20 NESN
Celtics		PHI 7:30 ESPN		PHI 3:30 ESPN		PHI TBA TNT	
Revolution			TOR 7:30 AppleTV				

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ON THE AIR

BASEBALL		
1:15 p.m.	LA Angels at St. Louis	MLB
4 p.m.	Triple A: Buffalo at Worcester	NESN+
4:10 p.m.	Atlanta at Miami	MLB
6:10 p.m.	Toronto at Boston	NESN
7 p.m.	Triple A: Buffalo at Worcester	NESN+
NBA PLAYOFFS		
9 p.m.	LA Lakers at Golden State	ESPN
GOLF		
7 a.m.	DP World: Italian Open	Golf
2 p.m.	PGA: Wells Fargo Championship	Golf
6 p.m.	LPGA: Lifeplus International	Golf
NHL PLAYOFFS		
7 p.m.	Florida at Toronto	TNT
9:30 p.m.	Seattle at Dallas	TNT
HORSE RACING		
12:30 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS2
COLLEGE MEN'S LACROSSE		
6:30 p.m.	Big East semifinal: PC vs. Georgetown	CBSSN
MEN'S SOCCER		
3 p.m.	Premier: Man United at Brighton	USA
TENNIS		
7 a.m.	Madrid Open (semifinals)	Tennis
2 p.m.	Madrid Open (semifinals)	Tennis

(Schedule subject to change)

Schools

BASEBALL

BAY STATE
Needham 9, Natick 6
Walpole 10, Brookline 0
Wellesley 5, Braintree 3
Weymouth 6, Framingham 2

BOSTON CITY
Boston Int'l. 15, TechBoston 6
English High 5, O'Bryant 1
Latin Acad. 10, E. Boston 0

CAPE & ISLANDS
Barnstable 10, Dennis-Yarmouth 0
Martha's Vnyd. 7, Nauset 0
Monomoy 11, Rising Tide Charter 0
St. John Paul II 9, Sturgis West 7
Sandwich 11, Falmouth 1

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Bp. Stang 12, Matignon 0

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
BC High 7, Malden Cath. 0
St. John's (S) 5, St. John's Prep 4
Xaverian 9, Cath. Memorial 1

COMMONWEALTH
Essex Tech 12, Northeast 2
Shawsheen 12, Gr. Lawrence 0

DUAL COUNTY
Cambridge 5, Weston 4
Lincoln-Sudbury 14, Wayland 1
Westford 2, Concord-Carlisle 0

DUAL VALLEY
Nipmuc 3, Sutton 2

GREATER BOSTON
Malden 15, Chelsea 0
Revere 2, Medford 1

HOCKOMOCK
King Philip 9, Canton 2
North Attleboro 5, Attleboro 2

ISL
Tabor 8, Rivers 7
Thayer 4, BB&N 3

MERRIMACK VALLEY
Chelmsford 3, Central Cath. 2
Haverhill 1, Lowell 0

MID-WACH
Algonquin 1, Leominster 0
Fitchburg 4, Groton-Dunstable 0
Oakmont 8, Clinton 0

NORTHEASTERN
Marblehead 15, Saugus 5

PATRIOT
Hanover 8, Scituate 0
N. Quincy 13, Plymouth South 4
Plymouth North 1, Marshfield 0
Whit.-Hanson 3, Silver Lake 0

SOUTH COAST
Joseph Case 6, Digh.-Rehoboth 4
Seekonk 10, Wareham 1
Somerset Berkley 9, Fairhaven 6

SOUTHEAST
Bridge.-Raynham 8, Brockton 1

SUBURBAN
Belchertown 23, Ludlow 3

TRI-VALLEY
Ashland 8, Medway 2
Holliston 14, Millis 2
Hopkinton 3, Norton 0
Medfield 14, Bellingham 0
Norwood 5, Dedham 3
Westwood 4, Dover-Sherborn 1

NONLEAGUE
Amesbury 10, Whittier 0
Bourne 10, Upper Cape 0

GOLF

GIRLS
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
Notre Dame (H) 6, Notre Dame (T) 0

PATRIOT
Duxbury 5½, Quincy 5

LACROSSE

BOYS
CAPE ANN
Ipswich 11, Manchester 1
Lynnfield 15, N. Reading 2

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Bp. Feehan 20, Card. Spellman 8
Bp. Fenwick 13, Abp. Williams 5

COMMONWEALTH
Essex Tech 12, Lowell Cath. 9

HOCKOMOCK
Foxboro 12, Canton 8
Franklin 18, Mansfield 5

ISL
Belmont Hill 13, Groton 4
Roxbury Latin 13, St. George's 5

MAYFLOWER
Old Colony 9, Blue Hills 2
Southeastern 16, Cape Cod Tech 1

SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 11, Fairhaven 7
Digh.-Rehoboth 13, Bourne 7

TRI-VALLEY
Ashland 9, Medway 7
Medfield 19, Bellingham 5
Westwood 8, Dover-Sherborn 6

NONLEAGUE
Abington 9, Whit.-Hanson 8
Bristol-Plymouth 13, Westport 5
Ham.-Wenham 7, Beverly 5
Hopkinton 15, Norton 2
Lexington 13, Wilmington 5
Melrose 18, Winchester 4
Peabody 10, Winthrop 8

GIRLS
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Bp. Feehan 16, Card. Spellman 6
Bp. Fenwick 11, Abp. Williams 7
St. Mary's 12, Arlington Cath. 11

COMMONWEALTH
Shawsheen 15, Gr. Lowell 12

GREATER BOSTON
Somerville 3, Revere 0

HOCKOMOCK
Foxboro 17, Canton 8
Franklin 18, Mansfield 3
King Philip 20, Taunton 1

ISL
Groton 14, Brooks 13
Middlesex 11, St. Mark's 5
Tabor 8, Rivers 7

MAYFLOWER
Tri-County 9, Old Colony 5

SOUTH COAST
Digh.-Rehoboth 10, Bourne 9
Fairhaven 11, Apponequet 9

TRI-VALLEY
Hopkinton 22, Norton 11
Medfield 17, Bellingham 3
Norwood 13, Dedham 3
Westwood 15, Dover-Sherborn 3

NONLEAGUE
Bridge.-Raynham 18, Mashpee 12
Burlington 20, Arlington 8
Littleton 12, Tahanto 11
Lunenburg 15, St. Bernard's 5
Malden Cath. 10, Winthrop 9
Mystic Valley 9, Latin Acad. 4
Notre Dame (H) 16, Central Cath. 6
Reading 22, Stoneham 7
Sharon 9, Stoughton 8
Tewksbury 17, Medford 3
W. Springfield 9, Westboro 6
Whit.-Hanson 15, Abington 1
Winchester 17, Melrose 7

SOFTBALL

BAY STATE
Braintree 7, Wellesley 4
Framingham 13, Weymouth 1
Milton 15, Newton North 6
Natick 6, Needham 5
Walpole 15, Brookline 1

BOSTON CITY
Brighton 18, Charlestown 8
Fenway 10, Boston Int'l. 9
TechBoston 9, S. Boston 3

CAPE & ISLANDS
Dennis-Yarmouth 12, Barnstable 0
Falmouth 8, Sandwich 4
Monomoy 17, Nauset 4
Rising Tide Charter 18, Martha's Vnyd. 14
Sturgis East 15, Nantucket 3

CAPE ANN
Amesbury 9, Georgetown 0
Ipswich 4, Ham.-Wenham 3
N. Reading 8, Newburyport 7

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
St. Mary's 6, Arlington Cath. 5

COLONIAL
Monty Tech 12, Adv. Math & Sci. 8

DUAL COUNTY
Acton-Boxboro 12, Boston Latin 6
Concord-Carlisle 4, Westford 3
Lincoln-Sudbury 13, Wayland 0

GREATER BOSTON
Everett 8, Lynn Classical 5
Malden 12, Chelsea 0
Revere 9, Medford 6

HOCKOMOCK
Milford 16, Stoughton 11
Oliver Ames 4, Foxboro 3
Taunton 3, King Philip 1

ISL
Governor's 15, St. Mark's 12

MAYFLOWER
Bristol Aggie 16, Blue Hills 14
Westport 6, W. Bridgewater 4

MERRIMACK VALLEY
Billerica 3, Andover 0
Central Cath. 13, Haverhill 0
Chelmsford 16, Lawrence 2
N. Andover 7, Methuen 3
Tewksbury 28, Dracut 2

MID-WACH
Clinton 14, Oakmont 5
Tyngsboro 5, Littleton 3

NORTHEASTERN
Beverly 10, Saugus 1
Danvers 16, Swampscott 6

PATRIOT
Hanover 25, Scituate 0
Hingham 18, Duxbury 8
Marshfield 5, Plymouth North 4
Pembroke 18, Quincy 1
Plymouth South 13, N. Quincy 4
Silver Lake 10, Whit.-Hanson 1

SOUTH COAST
Somerset Berkley 6, Fairhaven 1

SOUTH SHORE
Norwell 19, Mashpee 2

SOUTHEAST
Bridge.-Raynham 15, Brockton 0
Dartmouth 12, Durfee 7

TRI-VALLEY
Dover-Sherborn 2, Westwood 1
Holliston 10, Millis 3
Medway 16, Ashland 3
Norton 9, Hopkinton 7
Norwood 7, Dedham 6

NONLEAGUE
Apponequet 11, New Bedford 3
Joseph Case 13, Bp. Stang 0
Manchester 10, Rockport 5
Notre Dame (W) 12, Fontbonne 0
Phillips Andover 9, Phillips Exeter 4
St. Paul's 9, Brooks 3
Woburn 11, Lowell 2

TENNIS

BOYS
Chicopee 4, W. Springfield 1
Hampden Ch. E. 5, Springfield Inter. 0
Longmeadow 3, Northampton 2
Ludlow 4, Agawam 1
Pioneer Val. Christian 4, Pope Francis 1
St. Mary (Westfield) 4, Hampdn Ch. E. 1

BAY STATE
Brookline 5, Walpole 0
Needham 5, Weymouth 0
Newton North 3, Milton 2
Wellesley 5, Braintree 0

CAPE & ISLANDS
Barnstable 4, Dennis-Yarmouth 1
Cape Cod Acad. 3, Monomoy 2
Martha's Vnyd. 4, Nauset 1
Sturgis 5, Rising Tide Charter 0

CAPE ANN
Lynnfield 4, Newburyport 1

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
BC High 5, Malden Cath. 0
Xaverian 5, Cath. Memorial 0

COMMONWEALTH
Mystic Valley 4, Gr. Lowell 0

DUAL COUNTY
Wayland 4, Lincoln-Sudbury 1

HOCKOMOCK
Canton 3, Foxboro 2
Sharon 5, Attleboro 0

ISL
Middlesex 4, St. Sebastian's 3

MID-WACH
Nashoba 3, Marlborough 2

NORTHEASTERN
Marblehead 4, Gloucester 1

PATRIOT
Pembroke 5, Quincy 0
Plymouth North 3, Marshfield 2
Scituate 5, Hanover 0

SOUTH COAST
Bourne 4, Joseph Case 1

SOUTH SHORE
Norwell 5, Mashpee 0

SWCL
Southbridge 4, Northbridge 1

TRI-VALLEY
Dover-Sherborn 5, Westwood 0
Hopkinton 5, Norton 0
Medway 5, Ashland 0

NONLEAGUE
Auburn 5, David Prouty 0
Bromfield 4, Groton-Dunstable 1
Burlington 4, Central Cath. 1
Lawrence 4, Lowell 1
Lexington 5, Stoneham 0
Medford 3, Latin Acad. 2
St. Mary's 3, Salem 2
Whit. Christian 4, Doherty 1

GIRLS
Pope Francis 5, W. Springfield 0

BAY STATE
Brookline 5, Walpole 0
Milton 3, Newton North 2
Needham 5, Weymouth 0
Wellesley 5, Braintree 0

CAPE & ISLANDS
Barnstable 3, Dennis-Yarmouth 2
Cape Cod Acad. 3, Monomoy 2
Falmouth 5, Sandwich 0
Martha's Vnyd. 3, Nauset 1

CAPE ANN
Amesbury 4, Rockport 1
Manchester 5, Ipswich 0
Newburyport 5, Lynnfield 0

Latest line

NBA
Thursday

Favorite	Pts.	Underdog
At Golden State	5½	LA Lakers

NHL

Favorite	Line	Underdog	Line
At Toronto	-190	Florida	+160
At Dallas	-200	Seattle	+170

Transactions

BASEBALL

Arizona: LF Seth Beer designated for assignment. P Brandon Pfaadt purchased from minors.
Detroit: P Brendan White called up from minors.
LA Dodgers: P Alex Vesia sent to minors. P Gavin Stone purchased from minors.
NY Mets: P José Butto called up from minors.
Oakland: RF Conner Capel sent to minors. RF JJ Bleday called up from minors.
St. Louis: P Wilking Rodríguez recalled from minors rehab.
Tampa Bay: P Chase Anderson traded. P Zack Burdi designated for assignment. P Pete Fairbanks placed on 15-day IL. P Chase Anderson purchased from minors.

NFL

Cincinnati: QB Trevor Siemian signed.
Cleveland: G Colby Gossett signed FA.
Houston: TE Eric Tomlinson signed FA.
NY Jets: WR Randall Cobb signed FA.
San Francisco: QB Brandon Allen signed FA.

NHL

Arizona: RW Aku Raty signed.
San Jose: D Valtteri Pulli, G Georgi Romanov signed as free agent.

Schools

TENNIS

GIRLS
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Abp. Williams 5, Saint Joseph Prep 0

DUAL COUNTY
Lincoln-Sudbury 5, Wayland 0
Westford 3, Concord-Carlisle 1

HOCKOMOCK
Canton 4, Foxboro 1
Milford 3, Stoughton 2
Sharon 5, Attleboro 0

ISL
Groton 8, Brooks 1

MAYFLOWER
Diman 5, W. Bridgewater 0
Westport 5, Bp. Connolly 0

NORTHEASTERN
Beverly 3, Swampscott 2
Danvers 5, Winthrop 0
Marblehead 5, Gloucester 0

PATRIOT
Hingham 4, Duxbury 1
Pembroke 5, Quincy 0
Plymouth North 4,

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BELLEMARE, Norma (Drummond)

Of Topsfield, MA, formerly of Malden, Peabody, and Ludlow, VT, passed away on December 3, 2022. She was 98. Norma is survived by her daughters, Karen (Frank) Burke, and Janet (Nick) Kaskovich; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; as well as her sister Margaret. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, May 6, at 11:00 am at South Congregational Church, 60 Prospect Street, Peabody. If so desired, memorial donations may be made to Alice Lloyd College, 100 Purpose Road, Pippa Passes, KY 41844, for The Norma D. Bellemare Fund or in her memory to the PKD Foundation, 1001 E 101st Terrace, Suite 220, Kansas City, MO 64131. For online guestbook, visit www.johnbdouglassfuneralhome.com

BERMINGHAM, John

Age 88, of Dartmouth, passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

John was born in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1934, to Alice (O'Leary) and John Bermingham. He lived in New Bedford until the family moved to Dartmouth during his grade school years. He attended the Gidley School, and had fond memories of the teachers and friends he made there. Later, he went to Coyle High School in Taunton and majored in history at Tufts University, graduating in 1956.

Joining the Marine Corps, he served as an infantry officer in California. Subsequently, he received an MBA at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance. His career was in commercial banking, augmented by periods of part-time teaching, specifically at Anna Maria College, Lesley College, and most recently UMASS Dartmouth. He variously taught Economics, Business and Finance related courses.

Along the way, Jack engaged in his community, teaching CCD and ESL courses, visiting nursing home patients, and assisting former students in obtaining employment. He served on several boards, one being The Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, as Secretary. Together with one of the five successive family golden retrievers he could often be found walking the DNRT's trails or with the clean-up crews.

To say that Jack loved sports would be an understatement. He was a runner for many years, finishing two marathons. He played golf at the Country Club of New Bedford. He was an ardent supporter of the New England Professional Sports teams. If the Sox were in a slump, so was he.

As a listener, he loved Opera, Broadway, and march music, specifically that of the famous bandmaster John Phillip Sousa, his maternal grandfather Eugene O'Leary played in that band. If there was a parade, he'd be there.

Jack had dual American/Irish citizenship, which was a source of great pride and joy to him. He was actively involved in Irish Politics here and in Ireland.

He is survived by his wife Marianne, daughter Caitlin, sister Ann Hickey (Gerald), brother Mark, and several wonderful nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Dartmouth, at 10 am on Monday, May 8th. Visiting Hours will be Sunday, May 7th at the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., NEW BEDFORD, from 2-5 pm. For an online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org), the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (dnrt.org), or Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue (www.ygrr.org).

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BOGGIA, Dorothy M. (Harris)

Of Lexington, a lifetime Lexington resident, born September 11th, 1926, died at home, surrounded by family on April 29, 2023. Predeceased by her mother and father, formerly of Malden, Ralph and Maragret Harris; and her brothers, Ralph Harris of Malden, and Robert Harris, of Lexington. She leaves behind a brother, Raymond Harris, of Florida.

Dorothy loved the Town of Lexington, holding many positions on various committees, and was the recipient of the Lexington Gold Cane Award, honoring her service and dedication to the town.

Dororthy was the wife of the late John A. Boggia. Loving mother of Cheryl Boggia of Litchfield, NH, John Boggia Jr. and his wife, Debra of Sandown, NH, Robert Boggia and his wife, Merrie of Amherst, NH, and Carolyn Dooley and her husband, Stephen of Lexington. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Michelle, Heather, John III, Daniel, Robert, Nicholas, Michael, and Caitlyn; and four great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, May 8, at St. Brigid Church,1984 Mass. Ave., Lexington at 10 a.m. Visiting Hours at the Douglass Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Rd., LEXINGTON, Sunday, from 2 p.m to 5 p.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Private interment at Westview Cemetery, Lexington.

CAPPADONA, Thomas

Age 67, of Watertown formerly of Belmont, April 24, 2023. Beloved husband of Patricia (Fraser) Cappadona for 29 years. Loving father of Thomas Cappadona of Hyde Park and stepfather of Allen Buttimer of Watertown. Brother of Donna (Tim) Mondeau and William (Vicki) Fox. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, a great-niece, four great-nephews and many kind and loving friends. He will be missed by his service dog Apollo. A visitation will be held in the Brown & Hickey Funeral Home, 36 Trapelo Road, BELMONT, on Friday, May 5th from 11:00 - 12:00, followed by a Funeral Service at 12:00 noon. Relatives and friends invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's memory to the National Kidney Foundation or a charity of your choice. Online guest book at www.brownandhickey.com

CLOUGHERTY, Mary L. (Kulakowski)

Age 68, of Lynn, died on Friday, April 28, 2023. Loving wife of the late Charles H. Clougherty, Sr., with whom she shared 36 years of marriage. He predeceased her in June of 2018. Born in Canaan, ME, she was the daughter of the late William and Hilda (Corson) Kulakowski. Mary is survived by her loving siblings, Joyce Bynam of Newburyport, Raymond Kulakowski of Lynn, and Teresa Freeman and her husband Walter of Beverly Hills, FL; 3 stepchildren, Charles Clougherty, Jr. of Haverhill, Jeannine Clougherty Kelley and her husband James of NH, and John Clougherty of Charlestown; 10 grandchildren; and her many great-grandchildren; and Jaydalise Ortiz. She was the sister of the late Joanne Clark, William H. "Bill" Kulakowski, Jr., Brenda Mannell, Martin J. Kulakowski and Randy S. Kulakowski and his wife Jacalyn of Lynn; and stepmother of the late Scott Clougherty.

Visiting Hours: A Funeral will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 8a.m. from the Solimine Funeral Home, 426 Broadway (Rt. 129), LYNN, followed by a Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Lynn at 9a.m. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Visiting Hours will be on Friday from 7-9p.m. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America at www.hdsa.org Directions and online guestbook at www.solimine.com

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D'AGOSTINO, Samuel R.

Of Burlington, and Winchester, passed away peacefully on April 30, 2023. He was 95 years old. Beloved husband of the late Frances (Sweeney) D'Agostino. Loving father of Nancy Patierno and her husband, Frank of Townsend, Ralph and Pam Martin of Woburn, Paul and his wife, Lisa of Andover, Mary Walsh and her husband, Brian of Woburn, Samuel and his wife, Beverly of Medford, Grayce Flumerfelt and her husband, Carl of Acton, and Lisa Rose and her husband, Paul of Burlington. Cherished grandfather of 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and his late grandsons Brian, and Matthew Walsh. Dear brother of Norma Spano, Ralph D'Agostino, Robert D'Agostino, and the late Joseph D'Agostino. Brother-in-law of Mary Buckley. Sam was later married to the late Merna Lyon, and is survived by her children JB, Amy, and Cynthia. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours will be held at the Lane Funeral Home, 760 Main St., (Rte. 38) WINCHESTER, on Sunday, May 7th, from 2 - 5 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Margaret's Church, 111 Winn St., Burlington, (St. Veronica's Parish) on Monday, May 8th, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester. Proud founder of D'Agostino's Delicatessen of Winchester for over 55 years. Late Veteran U.S. Marine Corp. Donations in Sam's memory may be made to New Horizons at Choate c/o Cummings Foundation, Inc., 200 West Cummings Park, Woburn, MA, 01801. For online condolences please visit www.lanefuneral.com.

FAY, Ruth M.

Of Dedham, May 1. Beloved wife of 61 years of the late Joseph W. Fay; and dear mother of Cynthia Mongeon of Dedham, Judith Gorman of NC, Laura Fay of Webster, and Jennifer Fay of Dedham. Sister of the late Henry T. Smigielski. Also survived by two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Visiting Hours Sat., 4-7 pm at the Folsom Funeral Home, 87 Milton St., DEDHAM. Interment will be private. Donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105-9959, would be appreciated. For directions, obituary, and guestbook, please visit website.

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FLEBOTTE, Dorothy A. "Dotsy" (Sullivan)

Passed away on May 2, 2023. Devoted wife of the late Charles "Buddy" Flebotte. Cherished mother of Ann Marie McCarron, Dorothy "Dolly" Abberton, James "Jimmy" Flebotte, and the late Elaine Flebotte. Beloved Nana to Sharon Gleeson, Patrick Abberton, Andrea McCarron, Erin Abberton and Colleen McCarron. Dearest Nani to Sean "Sean-O" and Emily "Emmy-Lou" Gleeson, Gerard and Tess DeRocher, and Madison Ames. Loving mother-in-law of Joseph McCarron and James Abberton. Predeceased by her parents, James and Mary (Flaherty) Sullivan; and her eight siblings, James, Timothy and Joseph Sullivan, Mary Ridge, Evelyn Regan, John Sullivan, Mildred Murray, and Claire Steele. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Visiting Hours at O'Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester Street, SOUTH BOSTON, on Saturday, May 6th from 9-10:30am, immediately followed by Funeral Mass at St. Monica Church, 331 Old Colony Ave. in South Boston. Interment at Blue Hills Cemetery in Braintree, MA. In lieu of flowers, Dotsy may be honored by donations to Team Marie, a group that assists local families affected by illness with medical and other expenses in their time of need. (Checks payable to Team Marie; send to Ann McCarron, 56 Mandalay Road, Weymouth, MA 02190 or Venmo @Ann-McCarron – please note "Team Marie" in your donation.) For directions and guestbook, please visit www.obrienfunerals.com

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HUGHES, Claire T.

A longtime resident of Roslindale, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away surrounded by her loving family on May 1, 2023. Loving mother of Brett Koons and his partner, Wanda Don of Redmond, WA. Scott Koons and his wife, Lynn of Monroe, LA. and Gregg Koons and his wife, Laura of Lake Worth, FL. Cherished grandmother of Emma and Logan Koons. Dear sister of Thomas Hughes and the late Marilyn Curtis and Elizabeth Testa. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Katherine (Craffey) Hughes. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to visit with the family on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Claire's memory may be made to Boston Animal Care and Control Shelter, 26 Mahler Rd., Boston, MA 02131. For directions or to leave a condolence message for the family, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com

William J. Gormley Funeral Service
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LEE, Gary M.

Of Norwood, passed away suddenly on April 30, 2023, at the age of 67. Beloved husband of Marguerite (Ladas) Lee. Devoted father of Katherine E. Lee, Patricia M. Lee, and Mary E. Lee of Norwood and Marguerite S. Lee of South Boston. Brother of Elizabeth Marsh of Norwood, Nancy Sceery of RI, and the late Robert E. Lee and Jacqueline Vitale. Son of the late Robert E. and Marie E. (Mackin) Lee. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Gary was a 1973 graduate of Norwood High School. After high school, Gary graduated from Lowell University and then New England School of Law where he met his wife Marguerite. He had a varied career working as a sales engineer, attorney, and real estate broker. In addition to his own law office and real estate firm, he served many years as an elected member of the Town of Norwood's Board of Selectmen. Regardless of his role, he gained the greatest satisfaction in getting to know and helping people. He was also a Mason in Westwood's Orient Lodge. In his spare time, Gary enjoyed hiking with his family, being on the water, following politics and reading. Of course, the greatest forces in Gary's life were his devotion to God and his Catholic faith and the love he had for his family. Visiting Hours will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 from 2-6 pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA. Funeral from the funeral home on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 10 am followed by Mass at 11 am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, www. Bartoncenter.org, 30 Ennis Road, PO Box 356, North Oxford, MA 01537-0356.

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MURPHY, Kevin E.

Of Peabody, formerly of Medford, on May 1, 2023, at age 75. Beloved husband of Debra A. (Bornstein) Murphy with whom he shared over 17 years of marriage. Devoted father of Kaitlyn A. Murphy. Loving brother of Richard Murphy of Amesbury; and brother-in-law of Patricia Ingham, Charles Bornstein, and Henry Bornstein and his wife, Lauren. Loving uncle of Colleen Murphy, Erin Meinders, Timothy Murphy, Meghan Murphy, and Brian Ingham. Also survived by his cousins, Larry Rideout, Chuck Bagnell, Ellen Giannusa, Harry Walker, and James Walker. Relatives and friends are invited to gather during Visiting Hours at Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., MELROSE, on Friday, May 5 from 9:30-11:30 am, before leaving in procession to Oak Grove Cemetery, 230 Playstead Rd., Medford, for his Graveside Service at 12 pm with Honors presented by the U.S. Navy. The family requests no flowers. For online tribute, please visit RobinsonFuneralHome.com

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NARDONE, Patricia A. (Crawford)

Age 83, of Leominster, formerly of Norton, died peacefully surrounded by family at Tufts Medical center on May 1. She was born November 21, 1939, in Boston, to the late Anna (Bennett) Crawford and Walter G. Crawford and was the wife of the late Thomas P. Hart and Saverio J. Nardone. Calling Hours are Friday, May 5 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Richardson Funeral Home, 106 West Street, Leominster, MA. The Funeral Mass will follow at 11:30 AM at St. Cecilia's Church,180 Mechanic Street, Leominster, MA. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, VFW Parkway, W. Roxbury, MA. richardsonfuneralhome.net

NOONAN MEHLER, Paula M. (Sullivan)

Of Norton, formerly of North Easton for 35 years. Wife of Henry J. Mehler of Norton. Mother of John Peter Noonan Jr. and his wife, Wendy of Milton, the late Michael Noonan and his wife, Susan Noonan of Marion, Sarah Noonan Cicchini and her husband, Mark of North Falmouth, Christopher Noonan and his wife, Pamela of North Falmouth and Paul Noonan of North Easton; step-mother of Kristen Loundsbury of CA, and Erica Buckley and her husband, William of Long Island, NY.; sister of Richard T. Sullivan of Falmouth, Ellen Corduck of Woburn and the late Jane Sullivan; grandmother of Mark Cicchini Jr., Andrew Cicchini, John Michael Noonan, Connor Noonan, Thomas Noonan, Gracie Noonan, Caroline Noonan, Ryan Noonan, Geoffrey Noonan, Gavin and Bryn Loudsbury and Will and Dylan Buckley. Loving and loved aunt to many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral on Monday at 9:00 a.m. from Kane Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 605 Washington Street (Rte.138), EASTON, followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, Easton at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Easton. Visiting Hours on Sunday from 2-6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Paula's memory may be sent to Rosie's Place, 889 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA 02118. For complete obituary, directions or condolences, visit www.kanefuneralhome.com

POLANSKY, Zachary H.

Age 25, of Lexington, MA, passed away suddenly, leaving his family bereft. Son of Hari M. and Susan R. Polansky (Vlamynck) of Lexington; brother of Daniel Polansky and his wife Aleena of Woburn, and Allison Muller, husband John, and their children, Lillian and Hailey of Burlington. Also, nephew to Pat Vlamynck, VT, Jean Vlamynck, CA and Lyn Shamban, MA.

Zach was world renowned in the logic puzzle and competitive computer programming communities. He graduated from U of Rochester, 2019, working first at Google, then moving on to his ideal job of designing logic puzzle games for Thekla, Inc. His companionship was remarkable, whether traveling with family, engaging with friends or bantering with rivals across a game board. His wit and wisdom will truly be missed.

A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, May 6 at the Douglass Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Rd., Lexington at 11 am, visitation immediately prior from 9:30am to 11am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Donations in his memory may be made in lieu of flowers to The MIT MysteryHunt at www.puzzles.mit.edu. Interment private.

PRICE, James "Fin"

Of West Tisbury on Martha's Vineyard, formerly of West Roxbury, passed away of a heart attack on May 2, 2023, with his devoted wife of 47 years, Irene, and children at his side. An Iron Worker with Local 7 for over 30 years, Fin traveled for work throughout the United States, an education he continuously supplemented with his extensive readings- from the New Yorker to ancient novels. His loving lifelong sidekick, his Irene, aka Daisy, will keep dancing to his beloved Rolling Stones with sand in her toes. He also leaves his children, Michelle and her partner Tony, Samuel James and his wife, Bibi, and Jessica and her husband, Marko Nikolic. Doting grandfather to Summer, Milan James, Maya, and Nyla. Visiting Hours at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Friday, May 5th, 3-7 pm. Relatives and friends invited. We will gather afterwards at Waterford's Restaurant, Dedham. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Island Grown Initiative, P.O. Box 622, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568 https://www.igimv.org/donate. For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com

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SCHLICKMAN, Jay Joel

During the evening of Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Jay Joel Schlickman of Lexington, Bedford, and Worcester, passed away at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He was the son of Dr. Philip Schlichtmann and Rose (Pastor). He was predeceased by his sister, Isabel Silver; and brothers, Howard Slickman and Alvin Schlichtmann. He is survived by his sister, Natalie Kargher.

He was a man of consummate love for his family. He married the love of his life, Judith (Goldstein), and the marriage continued for 66 years. He adored his three children, David Schlickman and his wife Wendy, Mark Schlickman and his wife Janice, and Frances Wolf. He was thrilled to have enjoyed his grandchildren, Cara Rose Schlickman and "Q" Alamin, Arielle Schlickman-Elak and Daniel Elak, and Jake Wolf. He recently met his great-granddaughter, Adinah Alamin. He cherished Garry Feely as a son. He is also survived by his many loving nieces and nephews. His love for the state of Israel was boundless. He fully embraced humanity's longing to find a purpose in existence when he published his last book in 2018, "The Rubaiyat of Jay J. Schlickman."

Jay graduated Northeastern University with a B.S. and M.S. in physics, and worked as an industrial physicist. As one of the first people to fire a ruby-laser, his observations of the dangerous power of the device resulted in the publication in 1965 of the paper "Dark Side of the Laser." He had great pride that his work in far-infrared mercury-cadmium-telluride photoconductors went on to make spectacular discoveries on the Hubble and Webb space telescopes. His twenty-one years consulting in quality management and system design resulted in his writing a textbook that is still used world-wide.

In his retirement, he rediscovered his talents in the arts. Despite increasing incapacitation from a brain tumor, he created some of his best paintings and sculpture.

Family and friends will gather for a Graveside Funeral Service at 11:30 AM on Friday, May 5 at Temple Emanuel Memorial Park, 490 North Street, Randolph. Arrangements are under the care of Miles Funeral Home of HOLDEN. The family invites everyone to a Memorial Observance Reception on Sunday, May 7 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM in the Great Room at the Willows of Worcester, 101 Barry Road, Worcester.

Memorial Contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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STONEY, Cheryl L. (Noren)

Of Canton, formerly of Norwood, passed away May 3rd. Beloved wife of Raymond T. Mother of Gregory T. Stoney of Canton. Sister of Robert E. Noren and his wife Christy of San Jose, CA. Visiting Hours at the Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home, 455 Washington St., CANTON, Friday 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Funeral Service at the funeral home Saturday morning at 10:00. Burial Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Greater Boston Food Bank at www.gbfb.org For complete obituary, see www.dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com

WHITE, Vincenzia M. (Sacco)

Of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston and Fresno, CA, passed away at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea on April 30, 2023, she was 89 years old. Born in Chelsea, she was the beloved daughter of the late Viola (Carrillo) and Donato Sacco. She was the devoted wife of the late Everett White and the loving mother of Linda Haffner of Winthrop and her late husband, Thomas, Sandra McLaughlin and her husband, Larry of NH, Carol O'Connell and her husband, John of Methuen, Debra Siuda and her husband, Charlie of Winthrop, Denise MacInnes and her husband, Paul of FL and the late Wilton Neumyer. Dear sister of Rita Way of Malden, William Sacco and his wife, Lisa of NH, and the late Mary Goddard, Antoinette McConnell and Michael Sacco. Also survived by 19 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend Visitation from the Funeral Home on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 8:30 to 9:30 AM followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop, at 10:00 AM. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Vincenzia's memory to the Alzheimer's Association by visiting www.alz.org. For directions and online guestbook, please visit www.caggianofuneralhome.com

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Obituaries

Vincent Stewart, Marine general and intelligence expert

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General Stewart was the first Black director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, serving under Obama and Trump.

By Harrison Smith and Dan Lamothe
WASHINGTON POST

Vincent R. Stewart, a Jamaican immigrant who rose to become a Marine Corps lieutenant general and served under presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump as the first Black director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, died Friday at his home in Aldie, Va. He was 64.

His wife, Phyllis, confirmed the death but did not cite a cause.

General Stewart recalled that when he joined the Marines in 1981, he hoped to be "part of something bigger" after working as a door-to-door encyclopedia salesman and studying history at Western Illinois University. He figured he would serve in the military for just a few years, but instead remained in the Marine Corps for nearly four decades, rising from a position as a tank-unit platoon leader to become the nation's highest-ranking military intelligence officer.

As head of the Defense Intelligence Agency from January 2015 to October 2017, he advised the president, lawmakers, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on global threats and national security issues, including the strength of Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, the impact of Russian troops on the Syrian civil war, and the progress of North Korea's nuclear weapon and advanced missile programs.

"Let's focus on understanding the adversary's military capabilities so that we can prevent war," he told the national security website Cipher Brief in 2016, outlining his priorities. "And if we can't prevent war, let's beat the stuffings out of anyone who comes against us."

The agency's current director, Army Lieutenant General Scott D. Berrier, said in a phone interview that General Stewart was "a larger-than-life presence at DIA," known for initiating "sweeping changes and modernization efforts" that continue to benefit the nation's intelligence-gathering.

Those included shifting the DIA's focus from counterterrorism to what General Stewart characterized as "long-term existential threats," including from China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran. He also worked to deepen partnerships with allies, notably by creating a new position — deputy director for commonwealth integration — held on a rotating basis by officials from America's intelligence partners in the "Five Eyes" alliance, which includes Australia, Britain, Canada, and New Zealand.

Internally, General Stewart sought to strengthen workplace culture by creating a DIA Museum and establishing fitness and worship centers at the agency's headquarters, part of Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Southeast Washington.

"He gave this persona of a battle-hardened Marine," Berrier said, "but when you got inside Vince Stewart, there was a bit of a softer approach there."

That view was echoed by retired General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., a former Marine Corps commandant and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In a phone interview, he said he first gained an appreciation for General Stewart during the Iraq War, when General Stewart served for a time as the head of military intelligence efforts in the western Anbar province.

"People wanted to be on his team," Dunford recalled. "He was one of those people where when he asked how you were doing, if you were a subordinate, he was waiting for an answer."

General Stewart went on to serve as director of Marine Corps intelligence as a one-star general and was the commander of Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command before being named to lead the DIA.

"Everywhere he's gone," Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr. said upon his appointment, "he's perfected the basics of intelligence work."

When General Stewart took over at DIA, becoming the first Marine Corps officer to serve as director, a US-led coalition was fighting to beat back an Islamic State insurgency that had swept across Syria and Iraq. He predicted accurately in 2016 that the militant group wanted to establish branches in Afghanistan, Yemen, and several African nations. He was later credited with playing a key role in developing US Cyber Command, where he concluded his career as deputy commander before retiring in 2019 and starting his own consulting firm.

While some other senior military officers settled quietly into retirement, General Stewart made occasional headlines, including when he criticized Trump for inciting rioters during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol.

General Stewart told the website Task & Purpose that after years in which he had "encouraged other countries to follow our lead" in abiding by democratic principles, "it will be extremely difficult delivering that message now."

"When China cracks down on dissidents," he said, "how can we offer 'rule of law' as the best approach?"

General Stewart also spoke out against racial injustice, both in and out of the military. In 2020, after the killing of George Floyd sparked nationwide protests against police brutality, he wrote an impassioned op-ed published by Task & Purpose and the Cipher Brief, titled "Please, take your knee off our necks so we can breathe."

"It's difficult to put into words how the nonchalant killing of a black man at the hands of Minneapolis police officers has personally impacted me and saddened me for our country," he began, adding that the image of an officer putting his knee on Floyd's neck "has convinced me that I can no longer be silent."

General Stewart recalled the pain he felt after immigrating at 13 to the United States, where as a young Black man in Chicago "I felt I had no future beyond manual, low-skilled labor, and any dream of being a leader or owning a business were out of the question."

He was stopped by police "nearly every time" he left his home, was intimidated by a local sheriff, and said he faced additional discrimination after joining the Marine Corps, where he was passed over for prominent assignments and was described as the unit's "best Black officer" rather than its "best officer."

As he told it, he found success in part through the mentorship of trailblazing Black officers such as Colin L. Powell. He was also helped along by white officers such as Dunford, whom he cited as part of a trio of generals who "lifted and carried me to the top of my profession."

Dunford, asked about the barriers that General Stewart faced, said that his friend and colleague "knew it might be harder for him than others" and believed that he could overcome obstacles by outworking others.

Among those close to General Stewart was General David H. Berger, the current commandant of the Marine Corps. In a statement, he described General Stewart as "a trailblazer, a selfless leader, and a mentor and dear personal friend to me," adding that "his impact as a leader of Marines and the broader intelligence community cannot be understated."

General Stewart, in his 2020 opinion piece, said that he "will always believe in the promise of America, because if the dream is not possible here, it's not possible anywhere."

"As a person who has had incredible success in this country," he wrote, "I am directly appealing to those in positions of power and privilege to recognize the experiences of your fellow Americans who do not look like you, learn from them, and take meaningful actions to lift them up.

"And I want you to imagine what our country would look like then."

Vincent Raymond Stewart was born in Kingston, Jamaica, on May 11, 1958. According to his wife, he was raised mainly by his mother, a domestic worker who spent two years in Bermuda, working and saving money, so that she could afford to move her son and his older sister to the United States in 1971.

The family settled on the North Side of Chicago, where General Stewart played football and won an athletic scholarship to Western Illinois.

He later attended the Naval War College, where he received a master's degree in national security and strategic studies in 1995, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University, where he completed a master's in national resource strategy in 2002.

In addition to his wife, he leaves five children, Vincent, Robert, Nicole, Jennifer, and Patrick; three sisters; a brother; and 15 grandchildren.

Tori Bowie, US sprinter and Olympic medalist, 32

ALASTAIR GRANT/ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

Ms. Bowie won gold in the women's 100m final at the 2017 World Athletics Championships.

By Pat Graham
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tori Bowie, the sprinter who won three Olympic medals at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games, has died. She was 32.

Ms. Bowie's death was announced Wednesday by her management company and USA Track and Field. No cause of death was given.

"USATF is deeply saddened by the passing of Tori Bowie, a three-time Olympic medalist and two-time world champion," USA Track and Field chief executive Max Siegel said in a statement. "A talented athlete, her impact on the sport is immeasurable, and she will be greatly missed."

According to the Orange County Sheriff's Office in Orlando, Fla., deputies responded Tuesday afternoon to a home in the area "for a well-being check of a woman in her 30s who had not been seen or heard from in several days."

The sheriff's office wrote that a woman, "tentatively identified as Frentorish "Tori" Bowie (DOB: 8/27/1990), was found dead in the home. There were no signs of foul play."

Growing up in Sandhill, Miss., Ms. Bowie was coaxed into track as a teenager and quickly rose up the ranks as a sprinter and long jumper. She attended Southern Mississippi, where she swept the long jump NCAA championships at the indoor and outdoor events in 2011.

Ms. Bowie turned in an electric performance at the 2016 Rio Olympics, where she won silver in the 100 and bronze in the 200. She then ran the anchor leg on a 4x100 team with Tianna Bartoletta, Allyson Felix, and English Gardner to take gold.

A year later, she won the 100 meters at the 2017 world championships in London. She also helped the 4x100 team to gold.

"She was a very enthusiastic, sparkling personality," said track coach Craig Poole, who worked with Ms. Bowie early in her career and again later. "She was really fun to work with."

The track and field community mourned the loss of Ms. Bowie on social media. Jamaican sprint sensation Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce posted on Twitter: "My heart breaks for the family of Tori Bowie. A great competitor and source of light. Your energy and smile will always be with me. Rest in peace."

Added US hurdler Lolo Jones: "Too young. Gutted to hear about Tori Bowie. Incredible talent. A beautiful runner. I pray for the comfort of her family, thank you for blessing us with her. The running community mourns an incredible loss."

Brittney Reese, a three-time Olympic medalist in the long jump, wrote: "I'm so heartbroken over this ... You have made a lot of us proud thank you for representing our state of Mississippi like you did ... RIP!"

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Ms. Bowie crossed the line to win gold in the women's 4x100-meter relay final at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil.

Ms. Bowie was taken in by her grandmother as an infant after she was left at a foster home. She considered herself a basketball player and only reluctantly showed up for track, but Ms. Bowie was a fast learner, becoming a state champion in the 100, 200, and long jump before going to college.

In a post on Twitter, Icon Management included a picture of Ms. Bowie holding up her hands in the shape of a heart. The management company wrote: "We've lost a client, dear friend, daughter and sister. Tori was a champion . . . a beacon of light that shined so bright! We're truly heartbroken and our prayers are with the family and friends."

Billy 'The Kid' Emerson, Sun Records pioneer who wrote 'Red Hot;' at 97

By Terence McArdle
WASHINGTON POST

Billy "The Kid" Emerson, a blues singer, songwriter, and pianist who wrote the rock 'n' roll standard "Red Hot" and was one of the first performers on Sun Records, a label that later launched Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis, died April 25 at a nursing home in Tarpon Springs, Fla. He was 97.

His son, Anthony Emerson, confirmed the death but did not provide a cause.

Mr. Emerson lacked a national profile as a solo performer, but his records were regional hits and extensively covered by others.

Bob Dylan took the guitar line from Mr. Emerson's "If Lovin' Is Believing" for his 2020 song "False Prophet." Presley covered Mr. Emerson's Sun recording "When It Rains It Pours" in 1957.

Then there is "Red Hot," his most enduring composition. The infectious song, with lyrics rooted in schoolyard taunts ("My gal is red hot, your gal ain't doodley squat") proved irresistible to a generation of rock-and-rollers.

Sun Records issued it twice, first by Mr. Emerson in 1955 and then two years later by rockabilly singer Billy Lee Riley, who turned the rollicking gospel rhythm into a pounding boogie-woogie.

Over time, the song has become canonical in rock-and-roll with at least 36 recorded renditions. The Beatles performed it as part of their repertoire at the Star-Club in Hamburg. Later, the tune charted for Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs in the '60s and rockabilly revivalist Robert Gordon in the '70s.

Writing for Living Blues in 1979, blues historian Jim O'Neal commended Mr. Emerson's "wild assortment of distinctive songs, often characterized by unusual chord progressions and novelty lyrics" as well as his gift for a unique turn of phrase. The lyrics of "Buzzard Luck," written for blues shouter Wynonie Harris, illustrate Mr. Emerson's humorous wordplay and skill with imagery:

Just like the buzzard flying high in the sky
Can't kill nothing if nothing won't die
Ain't nothing boiling but the water in the pot
And it wouldn't be boiling if the fire wasn't hot.

Mr. Emerson began recording in 1953 with the help of Ike Turner, whom he met while stationed at an Air Force base in Greenville, Miss.

Turner, then scouting talent for Sun producer Sam Phillips, brought him to Phillips's Memphis studio where they waxed his first record, "If Lovin' Is Believing" with Turner on guitar. During two years with the label, Mr. Emerson recorded several records prized by blues and rock aficionados including "The Woodchuck," a song based on a nursery rhyme and the swinging, lusty "Little Fine Healthy Thing."

But, according to Mr. Emerson, Phillips promoted his white singers such as Presley, Lewis, and Johnny Cash to the near-exclusion of Black musicians, and Mr. Emerson saw his recording career decline.

"Sam always said if he could find a white singer who sounded Black, he'd make a million dollars. In fact, I told him that, though he always took credit for it," he told the Tampa Bay Times in 2014.

Despite feelings of envy, he harbored no ill will toward Presley and recalled escorting him through the night spots of Memphis's Black community.

In 1966, Mr. Emerson took Phillips to court over nonpayment of royalties for "Red Hot" and received $2,500. He used the funds to launch Tarpon Records, named for his hometown.

In later decades, Mr. Emerson, who had wearied of the nightlife, became a minister and choir director at a South Chicago church.

William Robert Emerson was born in Tarpon Springs on Dec. 21, 1925.

Mr. Emerson served in the Navy during World War II and in the Air Force during the Korean War. Between the two wars, he studied nursing on an athletic scholarship at Florida A&M and started playing piano in bands.

A complete list of marriages and survivors could not be determined.

In 2017, Mr. Emerson, now the Rev. Emerson, received some belated laurels, a Florida Folk Heritage Award.

Calvin Davis, 51, Olympic medalist in 400 hurdles

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calvin Davis, the Olympic bronze medalist in the 400 hurdles at the 1996 Atlanta Games, has died. He was 51.

The University of Arkansas, where he went to school, said Mr. Davis died Monday. USA Track and Field also confirmed the death.

No cause was given.

A 400-meter runner early in his career, Mr. Davis found his calling in the 400 hurdles. He finished behind teammate Derrick Adkins and Samuel Matete of Zambia at the 1996 Olympics.

Born in Alabama, Mr. Davis was a high school track and football standout before attending Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala. He transferred to Arkansas, where he won NCAA titles in the 400.

Mr. Davis was part of the US team that won the 4x400 relay at the 1995 world indoor championships in Spain.

Soon after, he started switching over to hurdles and later became a coach.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT

ELIZABETH SISSON/FREEFORM

Sofia Black-D'Elia as Samantha in "Single Drunk Female."

Strong cast lends support in the second season of 'Single Drunk Female'

One of my favorite shows about getting sober returned for a second season in mid-April. "Single Drunk Female" — yes, the title is flat and misleading — isn't a dark and gritty take on substance abuse, on the order of, say, "Euphoria." It's a more optimistic story about a woman — Sofia Black-D'Elia's Samantha — who, after fighting against sobriety in season 1, is now working in earnest to stay sober while living in the Boston area. Not surprisingly, she's beginning to understand that recovery involves a lot more than not drinking.

Sam's work is always at the center of the action, but this season "Single Drunk Female," like many second seasons, gives more time over to the supporting characters. It works, as the social system around Sam both supports her and, unintentionally, especially when it comes to her mother, Ally Sheedy's Carol, unnerves and challenges her.

It also works because the supporting cast is easy to like, notably Lily Mae Harrington as the wisecracking — and wise — best friend. Sasha Compere and Charlie Hall (from "Love, Victor," "Bel-Air," and "The Sex Lives of College Girls") are added pluses as a married couple meant to be just friends. When Compere's Brit acts out by shoplifting, Sam has an opportunity to be a good friend (and to remember that sobriety is not a cure-all).

Now 18 months without a drink, Sam is beginning to experience familiar things, including dating, without the emotional insulation and safe distance that alcohol gave her. Early on, she's afraid to tell her new boyfriend she's sober, and yet, later, when he tells all his friends she's sober, she cringes. It's tricky. She has moments when she falls into "dry drunk" behavior, and her beloved sponsor (the wonderful Rebecca Henderson, in a recurring role this season) has moved to Maine and is no longer available to help her. But a new sponsor, with a very different style, shows up mid-season, played entertainingly by Busy Philipps, giving the show an extra burst of energy.

Sheedy is excellent, and if the show were on the Emmys' map she would probably get a supporting actress nomination. Her Carol is a difficult and intensely defensive personality, and reading her daughter's private AA journal is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to her boundary issues. But deep down inside Carol knows she, as well as her daughter, could use some healing; she is at war with herself. Her painfully deferential boyfriend has just moved out, Sam has moved out, and she makes a concerted effort to attend an al-anon meeting. During season 2, Sheedy's former "Breakfast Club" costar Molly Ringwald shows up for a memorable guest appearance, as Carol's sister-in-law.

"Single Drunk Female" is running on Freeform — the Ringwald episode, No. 7, premiered Wednesday. But the entire season is already available to stream on Hulu.

ASK AMY

Aunt wants to step in where Dad won't tread

Q. My brother has been married twice.

He and his first wife had two children. During the divorce, he tried to gain custody of the children, but she was awarded custody, and he stayed in contact with his two children for a while. But then things turned for the worst when she accused my brother of child abuse. She also physically threatened him.

He decided not to have any contact with her or his children. He told the family that we shouldn't contact them or their mother.

He had another child in his second marriage, which ended when their child was in elementary school. He hasn't seen that child in years. In typical fashion, nobody in our family wanted to talk about it.

When one of my nephews was graduating from high school, he contacted me to ask me why their father wasn't coming to graduation. It was heartbreaking to hear the sadness in his voice, but I abided by my brother's wishes not to connect them.

We are now older, and his children are young adults. I don't see my brother often. No one in the family ever mentions these children.

I think about my nephews often and wish that they were a part of the family. I would like to contact them. My other siblings do not want to initiate any contact with our nephews. I also do not want to involve my parents who are elderly, in poor health, and have decided to abide by my brother's wishes.

I am willing to sacrifice my relationship with my brother to reach out, but should I? What should I say? Should I tell my brother?

ANGUISHED AUNT

A. You are a thoughtful adult, and you have the right to pursue a relationship with others, based on your own best judgment.

You understand that by doing so you will likely be sacrificing a relationship with your brother, but from your description it doesn't sound as if you have much of a relationship with him, anyway.

Nor do I see any reason to inform or ask your brother's permission.

You don't seem to have much knowledge of these nephews of yours. I further wonder if these half-brothers know about each other.

If you are able to contact them, you don't really need to say much. You could identify yourself as their aunt and tell them that you've thought about them often. You can say, "Here is my contact information in case you want to be in touch."

I think it is vital for you to keep your expectations — and theirs — in check. They will have individual reactions to you.

Given that no one else in your family is interested in these men, being in touch with them will not bring them into the family fold.

Furthermore, it is impossible for you to have an accurate picture of their upbringings. You should assume that — like all of us — they carry childhood baggage. You cannot necessarily unburden them, but knowing that you are interested in them might help.

Q. Here's an ethical dilemma.

My family and I were recently getting food at a drive-thru after our high school softball game. It was a big order.

When our food was handed to us, our mom basically quickly handed it back to us in the back seat and drove away from the restaurant. We dove in and were helping ourselves to some chicken from a bucket when we noticed that we had been handed part of someone else's order.

We told our mother that we'd gotten extra food that wasn't ours, but she said there wasn't anything we could do about it and that we just got lucky. We felt bad that someone else hadn't gotten their food.

What should we have done?

HUNGRY

A. Because you had already started eating the food, returning it wouldn't have been possible. You could have quickly called the restaurant to let them know of the mistake — as a courtesy to clear up any subsequent confusion caused by the mix-up.

Q. Your response to "Tongue-tied in Denver" brought tears to my eyes.

Like you (and Tongue-tied), I have a beloved family member with Down syndrome.

I don't think most people realize how very special this attachment is. Thank you for recognizing and celebrating this relationship.

GRATEFUL RELATIVE

A. I've learned a lot from my wonderful nephew, who always seems happy to hang out with me. This relationship has brought my life a lot of joy.

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Starz!	(:55) ★★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy ('14) Zoe Saldana, Chris Pratt.				★★★ Jumanji: The Next Level ('19) Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Dwayne Johnson.				(:05) ★ Guardians of the Galaxy	
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Disney	Ladybug	Marvel's Mo	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Bunk'd: Learn	Bunk'd: Learn	Big City Greens	Hamster & Gretel	Jedi	Jedi
Encore Family	(:10) ★★★ The Sandlot ('93)			(:50) ★ My Best Friend ('16)				★★★★ El Jeremías ('15)		
Nickelodeon	Danger	Erin (N)	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
Nick Jr.	Peppa Pig		Gabby's	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble

	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30
BASIC CABLE										
A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First "Wrong Place, Wrong Time"		City Conf. "Murder on Mirror Lake" (N)		(:05) The First 48 "Tripped Out"	
AMC	(5:30) ★ Twister		★★★ Bad Teacher ('11) (P)				(:15) ★★★ The Gentlemen ('20) (P)			
Animal Planet	Catch "The Crooke & the Tangler"		Deadliest Catch "Judgement Day"		Deadliest Catch "Fist to the Face"		Deadliest Catch "Goodbye Jake"		Catch "Kicking Off with a Bang"	
BBC America	★★★ Predators ('10) Topher Grace, Adrien Brody.					★★★ Predators ('10) Topher Grace, Adrien Brody.				
BET	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	The Family Business "Home Coming"		Queen-Men "A Million Ways to Die"		★ Acrimony ('18) Taraji P. Henson.	
Bravo	Below Deck Sailing Yacht "Lazy Daisy"		Top Chef "Street Food Fight"		Top Chef (N)		(:15) Watch..	(:45) The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning (N)		
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNN	OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N)		CNN (N) (Live)		CNN (N) (Live)		CNN (N) (Live)	
Comedy Central	(:10) The Office	(:45) The Office	(:20) The Office "PDA"		(:55) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Daily Show	(:35) Awkwafi..
CSPAN	(5:00) Public Affairs Events									
CSPAN2	(2:45) US..	Public	118th Congress		(:55) Public Affairs Events					
Dest. America	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront
Discovery	(6:00) BattleBots		BattleBots (N)					Mark (N)		Mark (N)
Discovery Life	Long Lost Family		Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant
E!	(5:30) ★ Harry Potter & the Chamber of...				Game Face (N)		Prank (N)		E! News	Prank
Encore	(:10) ★ Resident Evil: Welcome to Racc...				★★★★ Aliens ('86) Sigourney Weaver.				(:20) ★ Bloodshot	
Food	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Fast Foodies	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Ciao House "Girls vs Boys"	
Fox News	Jesse (N) (Live)		Fox News (N) (Live)		Hannity (N) (Live)		Ingraham (N) (Live)		Gutfeld! (N)	
Freeform	Movie	★ Prom Pact ('23) Peyton Elizabeth Lee. (P)					Good Trouble (N)		The 700 Club	
FUSE	Slayer "Anne"		Buffy, Vampire Slay		Buffy, Vampire Slay		Buffy, Vampire Slay		★★★ High Strung	
FX	Movie	★★★★ Deadpool 2 ('18) Josh Brolin, Ryan Reynolds.					Patient	Patient	(:05) ★★★ I, Robot	
FXM	(6:50) ★★★ Mortal Engines ('18) Hera Hilmar.					★★★★ Queen & Slim ('19) Daniel Kaluuya.				
Hallmark	(6:00) ★ Love on H...		★ Hearts in the Game ('23) Erin Cahill.				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M.&M.	★ A Summer to Remember ('18)				★ Spring Breakthrough ('23)				Murder, She Wrote	
HGTV	Flipping 101 "High Desert to High Risk"		Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa (N)		Fix My "A Beachside Rescue" (N) (SP)		Kendra "Kendra's Last Shot" (N)		Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa (N)	
History	Swamp "Who Will Be King?"		Swamp People "The Dead Zone"		Swamp People "Snakin' Ain't Easy"		(:05) Swamp "Dark and Dangerous"		(:05) Swamp People "The Final Battle"	
HLN	Lies-Cri.		Lies-Cri.		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
HSN	Gotta See G (N)		Gotta See G (N)		The List With (N)		The List With (N)		The List With (N)	
ID	Web of Lies "I See You"		48 Hours "The Plot to Kill Dr. Sievers"		Mystery "Secrets in the DNA" (N)		Lone Star Murders (N)		48 Hours on ID	
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle	
LMN	(6:00) ★ Pregnant ...		★ Don't Sell My Baby ('23) (P)				★ The Surrogate Scandal ('23) (P)			
MAGN	Maine		Maine		Barnwood (N)		Barnwood Builders		Barnwood Builders	
MSNBC	ReidOut (N) (Live)		All In (N) (Live)		Wagner (N) (Live)		Last Word (N) (Live)		11th Hour (N) (Live)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Jersey Shore (N)		Couples Retreat		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
National Geographic	Lost "Search for Cleopatra"		Lost "Mysteries of the Sphinx"		Life Below Zero: First Alaskans (N)		Lost "Secrets of Tutankhamun"		Lost "Mysteries of the Sphinx"	
NatGeoWild	Critter Fixers		Cesar Millan		Cesar Millan (N)		Cesar Millan		Cesar Millan	
NECN	necn NOW (N)		Dateline		Dateline		LX Current-NECN		1st Look	OpenHou..
NewsNation	On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams (N)		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
Ovation	Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Frankie Drake	
OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets "The Match"				Dateline: Secrets "Finding Sarah Goode"				Dateline: Secrets	
Paramount	Two Men	Two Men	★★★ The Day After Tomorrow ('04) Dennis Quaid.						★ The Day After ...	
QVC	(6:00) Feel Good Finds (N) (Live)				It's Good to Be Home (N) (Live)				Dyson Hair Care (N)	
Science	Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of	
Sundance	Law & Order "I.D."		Law & Order "Good Girl"		Law & Order "Survivor"		Law & Order "Corruption"		Law & Order "Double Blind"	
SyFy	Movie	(:35) ★★ Robin Hood ('18) Taron Egerton.					(:05) ★ Bleeding Steel ('17) (P)			
TBS	★★★★ Star Wars: Return of the Jedi ('83) Mark Hamill.						Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon
TCM	(5:45) ★ Once Up...		★★★★★ The Wizard of Oz ('39)				★★★★ Key Largo ('48)			Movie
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple (N)		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried	
TNT	NHL Preg.	NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA (N) (Live)					NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA			
Travel	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Entourage	TacomaFD	TacomaFD
TV Land	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King	(:40) King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different
USA	(5:30) ★★★★ Jurassic Park ('93)		(:15) ★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97) Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite, Jeff Goldblum.						(:15) ★★★ Jurassic Park III ('01)	
VH-1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WE	Law Order: CI		Brat Loves Judy		Brat Loves Judy (N)		Brat Loves Judy		Love After Lockup	

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For Dimon, Boston shines

With First Republic deal, JPMorgan Chase CEO finally becomes a big banking player in the city

JON CHESTO

CHESTO MEANS BUSINESS

When Jamie Dimon visited Boston in 2018 to herald the first Chase bank branches here, he described what seemed like an impossible goal. Even for America's biggest bank.

The JPMorgan Chase chief executive said he would not be satisfied until his company is among Boston's top three banks.

Now, less than five years later, Dimon is closing in on that goal. Although he probably never expected to do it quite like this.

JPMorgan's takeover of First Republic on Monday suddenly gives it a big market share here. California-based First Republic only has five Boston-area branches. But as of June 30 last year, it reported $18 billion worth of deposits here, largely amassed by catering to the well-to-do. Good enough to make First Republic the sixth-largest bank in the region (excluding State Street, which is not a retail bank). Sure, plenty of customers have fled in recent weeks amid concerns about First Republic's future. But even half that amount would make Dimon a big banking player in Boston.

In comparison, Chase had only $1.9 billion in deposits in the Boston metro area as of last summer, spread among 37 branches. The New York-based company was in 33rd place statewide — ranking it between South Shore Bank and Florence Bank — and 23rd in Greater Boston. (A spokeswoman confirmed Chase has 43 Massachusetts branches today, with the next one opening in Lawrence on May 16.)

Clearly, Chase still had some work to do.

Toward that end, the bank announced plans last August to double down on Massa-

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How the banks compared

Deposit numbers as of June 30, 2022. NOTE: The Boston metro area includes part of New Hampshire. Rankings exclude State Street.

MASSACHUSETTS

First Republic Bank
$17.8 billion
RANKING: **6**
BRANCHES: **5**

JPMorgan Chase
$1.8 billion
RANKING: **33**
BRANCHES: **35**

BOSTON METRO AREA

First Republic Bank
$17.8 billion
RANKING: **6**
BRANCHES: **5**

JPMorgan Chase
$1.9 billion
RANKING: **23**
BRANCHES: **37**

SOURCE: FDIC

Hope for drug for cognitive decline

Eli Lilly reports treatment results for Alzheimer's trial

By Matthew Herper and Adam Feuerstein
STAT

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A new treatment for Alzheimer's disease developed by Eli Lilly slowed patients' rate of cognitive and functional decline by 35 percent compared to a placebo, the company said Wednesday, paving the way for a submission to the Food and Drug Administration and boosting hopes for a new class of Alzheimer's drugs.

But the positive outcome of the study involving the drug, called donanemab, could be tempered by the deaths of two patients, and possibly a third, from a type of brain swelling caused by these drugs.

The results of the study were reported in a press release and have not yet been reviewed by outside scientists. Lilly said the data will be used to file for full approval with the FDA before the end of June. If cleared, donanemab will compete with another new Alzheimer's treatment, Leqembi, made by Eisai and Cambridge-based Biogen, that secured FDA approval in January.

"If I had taken a blank piece of paper and predicted the results, I might not have been as bold as to predict this kind of outcome, which perfectly validates the science and also sets a new benchmark for what's possible in treating Alzheimer's," said Daniel Skovronsky, Eli Lilly's chief scientific officer and himself an Alzheimer's researcher for 25 years."No one's seen numbers like this ever before in an Alzheimer's trial."

Researchers have worked for decades to develop Alzheimer's medicines that block a chemical called beta amyloid that has long been believed to be a key component in the tangles that appear in the brains of people with the disease. But such drugs have failed repeatedly in large studies. The first medicine

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Cambridge biotech raises $90m for drug using radioactive atoms

By Jonathan Saltzman
GLOBE STAFF

Radiation therapy has been used to treat cancer for more than a century, and about half of all cancer patients still undergo it at some point, according to the National Cancer Institute. Typically, patients receive beams of radiation from a machine that kills cancer cells inside their bodies but can also damage healthy tissue.

In the past decade, however, the Food and Drug Administration has approved several drugs called radiopharmaceuticals that use a more precise approach. Injected into the bloodstream, the medicines contain radioactive atoms that deliver radiation to targeted cells, attacking tumors while limiting damage to surrounding tissues.

Dr. Philip Kantoff, CEO of Convergent Therapeutics

On Wednesday, a Cambridge biotech making inroads in the growing field said it has raised $90 million in venture capital in its first fund-raising round. The startup, Convergent Therapeutics, plans to use the money to advance what it calls "next-generation radiopharmaceuticals," including its lead program to combat advanced prostate cancer.

Dr. Philip Kantoff, Convergent's chief executive and an oncologist, cited the blockbuster success of Novartis's radiopharmaceutical Pluvicto. The FDA approved that treatment in 2022 after it prolonged the lives of patients with advanced prostate cancer in a pivotal study.

Demand for Pluvicto has so exceeded expectations that the Swiss drug giant recently had to stop adding new patients for the treatment. Last month, the FDA hastily authorized Novartis to use its manufacturing facility in Millburn, N.J., to help ramp up the supply of the medicine.

"Novartis opened up the field," said Kantoff, who worked at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York for about 35 years before leaving in 2021. "We think there's a tremendous opportunity to expand on what they've done."

Other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. The nonprofit estimates there will be more than 288,000 new cases this year and that

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Robot can now be run with ChatGPT

DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

A software developer has added ChatGPT and a Google speech-to-text app to the programming for Boston Dynamics' dog-like robot, Spot.

Boston Dynamics partner integrates voice commands

By Aaron Pressman
GLOBE STAFF

An industrial software company that works with Boston Dynamics has created a way to control robots with voice commands using the ChatGPT artificial intelligence app.

Most uses of ChatGPT and similar apps known as generative AI programs have been in creative areas, such as producing articles, artwork, and videos. But software developer Levatas has added ChatGPT and a Google speech-to-text app to the programming for controlling Boston Dynamics' dog-like robot, Spot.

The fusion allows anyone to query Spot with their voice, asking questions about the work it has done, and give the robot simple commands like "stop" or "back up," Levatas founder and chief executive Chris Nielsen said in an interview with the Globe.

"Not every employee is trained on how to work with or operate the robots," he said. "This kind of natural language command allows an everyday industrial worker to pause or stop the ro-

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HIGHER EDUCATION

NOBEL ECONOMICS LAUREATE JOINS BC FACULTY

Paul M. Romer, a Nobel prize-winning economist, is joining Boston College, where he will launch a new center exploring the role of knowledge in economic growth at its Carroll School of Management. "In the pursuit of progress, the market can be the vehicle, but the values of science, scholarship, and enlightenment must be the compass," Romer, who will start at the Chestnut Hill school in the fall after 13 years at New York University, said in a statement. "We've got plenty of disruption. What's missing is direction." Romer, 68, won the Nobel for economics in 2018 "for integrating technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis." He shared the award with William Nordhaus of Yale. Romer, a Denver native and son of a former Colorado governor, studied at the University of Chicago, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. At BC, he will hold the Seidner University Professorship, which was established by BC alumnus and trustee Marc Seidner, a managing director of the investment firm Pimco, and his family. — LARRY EDELMAN

AVIATION

AT BOSTON LUNCH, JETBLUE CEO DEFENDS SPIRIT ACQUISITION

JetBlue Airways chief executive Robin Hayes forcefully defended his company's plans to acquire Spirit Airlines on Wednesday in a Q-and-A session with Boston Celtics managing partner Wyc Grousbeck at the Boston College Chief Executives Club. The US Department of Justice in March filed a lawsuit to block JetBlue's $3.8 billion acquisition of its low-cost rival, saying the deal would lead to increased fares and reduced choices for consumers. (The Massachusetts attorney general's office joined the suit as a co-plaintiff.) A trial is scheduled for the fall. On Wednesday, Hayes reminded the Boston crowd that four airlines — American, Delta, Southwest, and United — control roughly 80 percent of the US market. The Spirit acquisition, Hayes said, would help JetBlue expand in places where it does not currently fly and make it a stronger competitor to the four big airlines. He also said that the federal government has never blocked an airline merger until now, and that the Justice Department is showing "buyer's remorse" after allowing other deals to go through, and is taking it out on JetBlue. Hayes said he is confident JetBlue will prevail. "There's such bifurcation in the industry," Hayes said. "We feel good about this case. … We have such an opportunity to bring that JetBlue experience to more customers." — JON CHESTO

AVIATION

MAJOR AIRLINES ARE STAFFING BACK UP AFTER POST-COVID LABOR TURBULENCE

Airlines expecting a hectic summer travel season are planning to hire thousands of new workers this year, lifting a job market that has been hit by layoffs in technology and turmoil in the banking industry. United Airlines said Wednesday that it hired 7,000 new workers in the first four months of this year and plans to hit 15,000 new hires by year-end, matching the number it hired last year. By 2026, United projects adding 50,000 workers to a workforce that was about 93,000 at the start of this year. Airlines have been in a hiring frenzy since being caught understaffed when air travel bounced back from the depths of the pandemic more quickly than anticipated. Shortages of pilots and flight attendants contributed to a jump in the rates of canceled and delayed flights last year. Since bottoming out in November 2020, airline-industry jobs have jumped by more than 117,000 — an increase of 32 percent — to more than 480,00 as of this February, the latest figures available from the Transportation Department. That is a 5 percent increase over the prepandemic peak. Delta Air Lines hasn't disclosed its 2023 hiring plans, but chief executive Ed Bastian has said the airline has hired nearly 20,000 workers since the start of 2021. Southwest Airlines planned to hire 7,000 workers this year, but executives said last week they will reduce that number because the airline hasn't received as many new Boeing jets as it expected. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

PERSONAL HEALTH

WEIGHT LOSS BRAND JENNY CRAIG GOING OUT OF BUSINESS, REPORT SAYS

Jenny Craig, the weight loss and nutrition business backed by H.I.G. Capital, will shut down after four decades of operation after failing to secure additional financing, NBC reported. The company told employees in an e-mail late Tuesday that corporate and salaried field employees' last day will be Friday, while hourly center employees' last working day was May 2, according to the report. Employees will receive a final paycheck, including full compensation through their last working day as well as unused paid time off. The decision comes after efforts by Jenny Craig to find a buyer as it struggles to contend with increased competition from the prevalence of weight loss drugs. Bloomberg News previously reported that the company was mulling filing for bankruptcy if it was unable to secure a buyer. Jenny Craig has nearly 500 company-owned and franchised locations across the United States and Canada, and roughly 600 centers worldwide. It employs more than 1,000 people, according to NBC. Jenny Craig did not respond to Bloomberg News for comment. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

SOCIAL MEDIA

TWITTER MAKES SECOND INTEREST PAYMENT ON MUSK'S DEBT

Twitter Inc. made its second interest payment on the $12.5 billion in debt that Elon Musk used to take the social media giant private last year. The company, which is now part of Musk's newly formed shell firm X Corp., paid a group of seven banks, led by Morgan Stanley, which became stuck with the debt after they were unable to sell it to outside investors, according to people familiar with the matter who asked not to be named discussing a private transaction. A representative for Morgan Stanley declined to comment. Twitter, which no longer has a team handling media queries, didn't specifically respond to an e-mailed request for comment. The coupon was expected to cost Twitter roughly $300 million, according to Bloomberg calculations and market participants not involved in the Twitter deal. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ENERGY

DEMAND FOR POWER IN TEXAS THIS SUMMER COULD SHATTER RECORD

Texans are expected to consume a record amount of electricity this summer, though the state's grid operator says the system has enough generating capacity to meet peak demand for the season. Power usage on the state's main grid is forecast to top 82.7 gigawatts during normal summer weather to surpass last July's high of 80 gigawatts, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas said Wednesday in its summer assessment. One gigawatt is enough to power about 200,000 Texas homes. Electricity use in Texas has been rising thanks to a growing economy, an influx of people moving to the state, and a surge in energy-intensive Bitcoin mining. Texas has been working to make its grid more robust during extreme weather since a deadly winter storm in 2021 crippled the system. The network was further tested last summer when intense heat triggered soaring consumption that shattered records 11 times within a matter of weeks. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

Eli Lilly trial boosts hopes for Alzheimer's drug

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of this type to be approved, Biogen's Aduhelm, was beset by controversy and barely used. But because Leqembi showed a clear but modest benefit in a study that compared it with a placebo, many doctors and patients have been expressing optimism about the drug. Now Eli Lilly appears to have replicated Leqembi's results in its own clinical trial.

The Lilly study enrolled just over 1,700 participants. It showed a 35 percent slowing of Alzheimer's disease progression relative to placebo on the Integrated Alzheimer's Disease Rating Scale, or iADRS, a newer survey invented by Lilly that combines measures of cognition and function, such as driving, managing finances, or carrying on conversations. That is about a 3.3-point improvement on the 144-point iADRS scale. The result, assessed at 18 months, achieved the study's primary goal and was similar to the outcome of a Phase 2 study in 2021.

There was a similar benefit when donanemab's efficacy was assessed using a more common measure of cognition called the CDR-SB. On that scale, the Lilly drug showed a 36 percent slowing of cognitive decline relative to placebo, or 0.68 points on an 18-point scale.

In Eisai's Phase 3 study, Leqembi demonstrated an average improvement on the CDR-SB scale of 0.45 points compared with placebo, representing a 27 percent slowing of Alzheimer's progression with statistical significance. Leqembi is administered via an intravenous infusion twice per month.

The main side effect of beta amyloid-lowering drugs is a type of swelling, or edema, called amyloid-related imaging abnormalities, or ARIA. ARIA-E is a type of brain swelling, and in a condition known as ARIA-H this swelling leads to small bleeds in the brain. A death attributed to ARIA-H in a Leqembi patient has already led to concerns about the condition.

In Lilly's study of donanemab, ARIA-E occurred in 24 percent of treated participants, with 6.1 percent experiencing symptoms, such as dizziness, headaches, or confusion. ARIA-H occurred in 31.4 percent in the donanemab group and 13.6 percent in the placebo group. The majority of cases were mild or moderate and resolved with appropriate management, Lilly said.

More concerning, 1.6 percent of the patients treated with donanemab reported serious ARIA, and there were two deaths attributable to the condition. A third patient died after an incident of serious ARIA but the death has not been definitively tied to donanemab, the company said.

"All drugs, maybe most drugs, for serious diseases come with side effects," Skovronsky said. "Potential benefits often come with potential risks." He characterized the risk — about 1 percent to 2 percent of patients having serious ARIA — as consistent across medicines in the class.

Leqembi rates of ARIA-E and ARIA-H in Eisai's study were 13 percent and 17 percent, respectively.

"This drug looks like it is having a clinically meaningful benefit and our patients and families deserve the opportunity to be able to make informed decisions about what is right for them," said Eric Reiman, an Alzheimer's expert and chief executive of Banner Research, adding he is "excited" about the data.

Eli Lilly offered Reiman to comment on the results. He does not take consulting money from Lilly, but he and his institute work with the company and he has founded a diagnostics company that might benefit if tests are used to identify patients who could benefit earlier in the disease.

Reiman also acknowledged that patients will have to balance the medicine's benefits with rare but catastrophic side effects — as well as a small risk of death. He imagined having that conversation with his father, a pediatrician who developed dementia, and his stepmother. How does one balance prolonging the time one can cook food for oneself or recognize a loved one against the real risk of dying?

Lilly took a novel approach to selecting patients for its Phase 3 study. Potential participants had to undergo two PET scans. The first was to make sure they had amyloid plaques in their brains, which has become a standard provision of Alzheimer's trials. The second tested for a different protein called tau, which is thought to be a marker of disease worsening.

The 1,700 patients who eventually made it into the trial had elevated levels of amyloid and medium to high levels of tau. Participants with low levels of tau were excluded because of concerns their disease may progress too slowly. The primary analysis was conducted on roughly 1,100 patients with intermediate levels of tau, which represented a relatively homogenous group that Lilly believed could benefit the most from donanemab.

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>
> ERIC REIMAN
> *CEO of Banner Research*

Lilly also performed a separate analysis encompassing all patients with intermediate and high levels of tau, which showed a 22 percent and 29 percent slowing of Alzheimer's progression relative to placebo, scored on the iADRS and CDR-SB scales, respectively.

Lilly's other innovation related to dosing. The company administered donanemab by intravenous infusion once per month, but only until it had its desired effect on amyloid levels in the brain, measured by mid-trial PET scans.

Another promising nugget in the data, Skovronsky said, is that there is some indication that donanemab may have halted the progression of some patients' disease. For 47 percent of patients on the drug, there was no decline on the CDR-SB test, at one year, compared with 29 percent of patients on placebo. That could mean that the medicine may allow patients to remain functional for longer.

Skovronsky said that Lilly employees are working "around the clock" to get the full data to regulators at the FDA in the next two months. He expects the drug to be considered for a full approval, not the more truncated accelerated approval path initially used for Aduhelm and Leqembi.

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Akili trial shows promise for adults

ADHD video game treatment was OK'd for kids

By Mario Aguilar
STAT

Akili Interactive on Wednesday revealed earlier-than-expected top-line clinical trial results suggesting the Boston company's video game treatment for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is effective for adults.

That's very good news for a firm that's racing to reach more patients in hopes of building a sustainable business.

Akili's treatment, EndeavorRx, is a mobile device game set in space that's specially designed to target attention and related cognitive functions. In 2020, the game was cleared by the Food and Drug Administration to treat ADHD in children ages 8 to 12, but Akili had always planned to target other populations. The new glimpse at the adult pivotal trial results follow positive data the company released earlier this year in a trial testing EndeavorRx with adolescents ages 13 to 17.

The company said it plans to move quickly for regulatory clearance to market the treatment to adults and adolescents.

The adult trial, called STARS-ADHD-Adult, tested a six-week treatment of EndeavorRx in 221 adults, 153 of which completed the final assessments. Of those participants, 83 percent demonstrated a clinical response on the Test of Variables of Attention (TOVA) Attention Comparison Score (ACS). The company said that the improvement from baseline on the TOVA ACS was double what was seen in its pivotal study in adolescents, and nearly seven times as large as the changes seen in children. The improvements in attention are statistically significant.

Akili's new chief medical officer, Scott Kollins, said it's possible that an adult who chose to be in a study might be more motivated to succeed at treatment than a child who was enrolled by a parent. "They're more in control of their own destiny in their decisions to take control of their treatment," Kollins said.

The trials were also different in their designs. The original study in children was a randomized control trial comparing EndeavorRx to a word game, whereas both the adolescent and adult treatments were tested in single-arm studies with no comparison group. The six-week adult trial was two weeks longer than the other trials, which could also help account for the higher change from baseline, said Kollins.

Akili reported that 70 percent of participants in the new trial were women, and Kollins suggested there was good representation across age groups, but did not offer further demographics. Kollins said the company hopes to perform more analysis to see if it could answer deeper questions about what population slices were driving the large effects observed.

"Is it younger people versus older people? Is it women versus men?" He said. "We would like to understand if there are people who respond really well, or people who respond really poorly so that we can just guide health care providers and patients themselves a little bit more effectively."

Kollins said the company also wants to do a more detailed analysis of adherence and engagement with the game. A 2022 analysis of published work from Akili and other health app developers argued that companies routinely under-reported such metrics, which give an important window into how effective the treatments will be in the real world.

The new data comes as Akili, which went public last year, has been keeping a careful eye on its finances. The company is still rolling out its sales efforts, and it reported that just 1,800 prescriptions of EndeavorRx were written last quarter. And in January, Akili laid off 30 percent of staff and halted most of its non-ADHD pipeline.

Akili hopes to keep to a speedy timeline. Kollins said that given the growing demand for treatment among adults, the company is looking into regulatory strategies that could get EndeavorRx "into patients' hands as quickly as possible."

One option would be to submit the data for acceptance to the FDA's breakthrough devices program, which entitles products to prioritized review and other benefits that could lead to faster FDA clearance. But Kollins declined to confirm any details about the strategy.

Akili's treatment, EndeavorRx, is a mobile device game set in space that's specially designed to target attention and related cognitive functions.

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N.Y. to ban gas stoves, fossil fuel equipment in new buildings

By Michael Hill
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York state is banning natural gas stoves and furnaces in most new buildings, a policy that's part of a national movement aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The law negotiated by Governor Kathy Hochul and her fellow Democrats in the Legislature is part of the state budget and puts New York at the forefront of states targeting emissions from buildings. When the phase-in starts in 2026, newly constructed buildings will have to forego fossil fuel equipment in favor of devices like induction ranges and heat pumps that run on electricity.

The state mandate applies only to new construction and does not affect existing buildings.

"I want to be very clear. I know people love to misinterpret this, but people with existing gas stoves, you're welcome to keep them," Hochul told reporters Tuesday before lawmakers began voting on the budget.

"This is where our nation has to go eventually," she said. "But I want to make sure that it's not a bumpy road to the transition."

The budget bill with the ban was approved by lawmakers Tuesday night. Other budget bills still needed to be considered.

Government efforts to wean society off of fossil fuel-burning equipment — especially gas stoves — have been slammed by Republican officials and other opponents as heavy-handed infringements on consumer choice. But environmentalists say climate goals can't be reached without addressing homes and businesses.

The new construction mandate avoids — at least for now — the more politically fraught issue of replacing existing fossil fuel equipment. But critics say it will add costs to new construction and put more strain on the electrical grid, while still limiting options for buyers of newly constructed homes.

"Why shouldn't people have a choice on how to heat their home?" asked Republican Assemblyman Phil Palmesano.

The measure will prohibit the installation of fossil-fuel equipment in new buildings, starting in 2026, for structures of seven stories or less. The ban for larger buildings starts in 2029.

There are a number of exemptions, such as for emergency backup power and for commercial food establishments, laboratories, and car washes.

Advocates say New York is the first state in the nation to adopt such a law. Though Washington state recently approved codes that will require the installation of heat pumps in most buildings.

In Massachusetts, lawmakers last year approved a pilot program that would allow 10 cities and towns to ban fossil fuel-powered appliances in new construction and major renovations if they meet certain requirements. Cambridge, Brookline, and Lexington are among the larger communities hoping to be among the first approved for the program later this year, while others — including Boston — are seeking to be added as early as March 2024

Various communities around the state have also begun adopting a new building code — approved by state regulators in December — that would take a number of steps to discourage fossil fuel use in new construction by requiring stringent energy-efficiency measures and add-ons such as solar panels in buildings with gas hookups.

More than 80 local governments in the United States have approved all-electric new construction requirements, with many of them municipalities in California, according to the Building Decarbonization Coalition.

New York City begins phasing in its rules for all-electric new construction next year.

Tim Logan of the Globe Staff contributed to this report.

Nordstrom to depart San Francisco

By Biz Carson and Eliyahu Kamisher
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Nordstrom plans to give up its store in downtown San Francisco, becoming the latest retailer to depart the area as the city struggles with emptied office buildings and crime concerns.

"The dynamics of the downtown San Francisco market have changed dramatically over the past several years, impacting customer foot traffic to our stores and our ability to operate successfully," Jamie Nordstrom, chief stores officer, wrote in letter to employees Tuesday.

The company will vacate more than 300,000 square feet (28,000 square meters) of space at Westfield San Francisco Centre on Market Street, a shopping and tourist area in the heart of downtown. It also plans to close a nearby Nordstrom Rack.

In the past few weeks alone, retailers including Office Depot and Anthropologie have both said they would shut their Market Street-adjacent locations. The closure of a nearby Whole Foods has been another flash point for San Francisco after the grocer cited safety concerns as a reason for leaving.

The retail departures are the latest gut punch to a city that's already grappling with the tech industry downturn and the crises engulfing Silicon Valley Bank and First Republic Bank, two of the region's most prominent financial institutions. Office workers have been slow to return and companies including Salesforce and Meta Platforms are ditching office space, hurting small businesses in the area struggling to survive. City officials have forecast a $780 million deficit in the next two fiscal years.

San Francisco's homelessness crisis and public safety concerns also are concentrated in downtown, leading to spasms of highly publicized retail theft and outcry from retailers that the city isn't doing enough.

"The planned closure of Nordstrom underscores the deteriorating situation in downtown San Francisco," the Westfield mall's owner, Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield, said in a statement. "A growing number of retailers and businesses are leaving the area due to the unsafe conditions for customers, retailers, and employees, coupled with the fact that these significant issues are preventing an economic recovery of the area."

Biotech raises $90m for radiopharmaceutical

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about 34,700 men will die from it. One in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point. The risk increases with age, and the disease is more common in Black men.

Kantoff cofounded Convergent with Dr. Neil Bander, a professor of urologic oncology at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York. Bander is an authority on the biology of a protein on the surface of prostate cancer cells, called prostate-specific membrane antigen, or P.S.M.A. Convergent has licensed technology that Bander developed at Cornell University to target the protein.

Novartis's radiopharmaceutical, Pluvicto, also targets P.S.M.A. But it uses a chemical compound known as a small molecule to deliver radiation-emitting particles that kill prostate cancer cells, Kantoff said. And the radiation comes in the form of beta particles.

In contrast, Convergent plans to use a protein in the immune system called antibodies to deliver radiation-emitting particles, and the radiation comes in the form of alpha particles, which Kantoff says are 1,000 times more powerful than beta particles.

Convergent has tested its radioantibody — called CONV01- — on about 100 patients with advanced prostate cancer in early- and mid-stage trials, almost all at Weill Cornell Medicine, Kantoff said. Some patients received a single dose, while others got two.

The results, he said, have been very promising. They have been presented at three major conferences of cancer experts, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology, but have yet to be published in a medical journal and subjected to peer review. Convergent plans to begin a late-stage trial of a two-dose regimen by early 2025, and Kantoff said he hopes the clinical trial sites will include Harvard-affiliated teaching hospitals.

Dr. Felix Feng, a professor of radiation oncology, urology, and medicine at the University of California San Francisco, said the field of radiopharmaceuticals is taking off and Convergent's approach is one of the most exciting.

"It represents one of the first alpha particle emitters that's been introduced into the clinic," he said. "The more radiation dose that's delivered in a targeted manner, the more tumor kill" the treatment is likely to have, Feng said.

Convergent isn't the only local startup working on radiotherapeutics. In February, Boston biotech Ratio Therapeutics said it had raised more than $40 million to develop similar cancer-fighting medicines.

Convergent's fund-raising round was led by the venture capital firms OrbiMed and RA Capital Management, with participation from INVUS. Dr. Tal Zaks, a partner at OrbiMed and former chief medical officer of Cambridge-based Moderna, maker of a COVID-19 vaccine, said, "we believe that Convergent Therapeutics' radioantibody approach is ideally suited to treat cancer and bring effective breakthrough treatments to patients."

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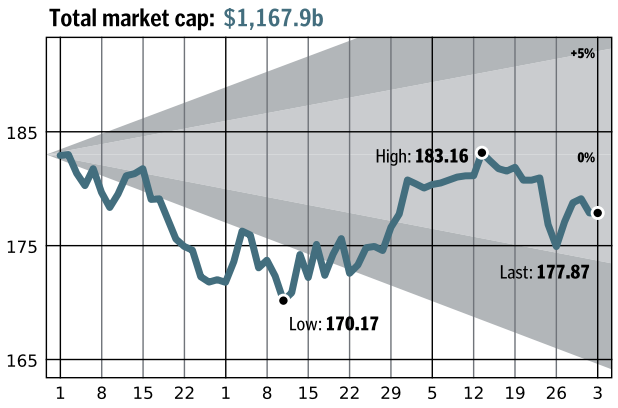

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	Price	Chg	% chg	Market cap (bil.)
Thermo Fisher Sci (TMO)	550.42	+6.60	+1.2	212.3
General Electric (GE)	101.77	+0.26	+0.3	110.8
Analog Devices (ADI)	182.39	-1.27	-0.7	92.3
TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	77.84	-0.40	-0.5	89.6
American Tower Corp (AMT)	191.97	-4.16	-2.1	89.5
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	346.36	+0.33	+0.1	89.2
Boston Scientific (BSX)	52.69	-0.21	-0.4	75.7
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	130.14	-1.26	-1.0	50.2
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	32.79	+0.25	+0.8	46.0
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	311.00	+1.72	+0.6	45.0
Eversource (ES)	76.64	+0.20	+0.3	26.7
Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	199.50	+0.48	+0.2	24.8
State Street Corp (STT)	68.92	-1.37	-1.9	23.0
Insulet Corp (PODD)	320.99	+6.15	+2.0	22.4
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	84.09	+0.12	+0.1	20.7
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	417.99	+3.41	+0.8	20.6
Waters Corp (WAT)	296.50	-1.51	-0.5	17.5
PerkinElmer Inc (PKI)	130.23	+1.50	+1.2	16.5
Iron Mountain (IRM)	55.17	+0.49	+0.9	16.1
PTC (PTC)	125.01	-0.27	-0.2	14.8
LPL Financial (LPLA)	187.67	-8.47	-4.3	14.6
Teradyne Inc (TER)	92.16	-0.15	-0.2	14.4
Akamai (AKAM)	78.46	-0.50	-0.6	12.3
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc (SRPT)	125.43	+1.74	+1.4	11.7
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	74.93	-0.14	-0.2	11.2

Markets

Stocks slip after latest rate hike

Stocks dipped Wednesday after the Federal Reserve announced its latest hike to interest rates. The Fed's move to raise its benchmark interest rate by another quarter of a percentage point was widely expected, but the hope on Wall Street is that this is the final increase following the Fed's fastest flurry in decades. The central bank gave a nod toward the possibility in its statement, where it dropped a reference saying it "anticipates that some additional policy firming may be appropriate." Still, the Fed stopped short of declaring the end to rate hikes, which have already caused cracks in the US banking system, sent stock prices well below their record heights and pushed many investors to expect a recession later this year. Shares of PacWest Bancorp, Western Alliance Bancorp, and other rivals fell again following the Fed's decision, a day after seeing trading of their stocks get halted amid steep slides. PacWest sank 2 percent after being up earlier in the day. Western Alliance fell 4.4 percent. On the opposite end was Eli Lilly, which rose 6.7 percent after reporting encouraging results from a study of a treatment for Alzheimer's disease. Kraft Heinz rallied 2 percent after beating analysts' forecasts for profit and revenue.

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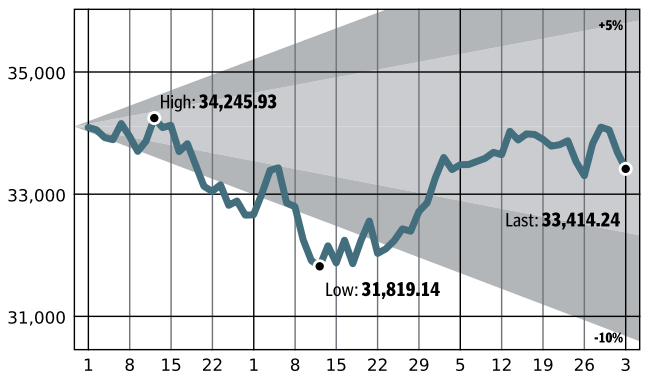

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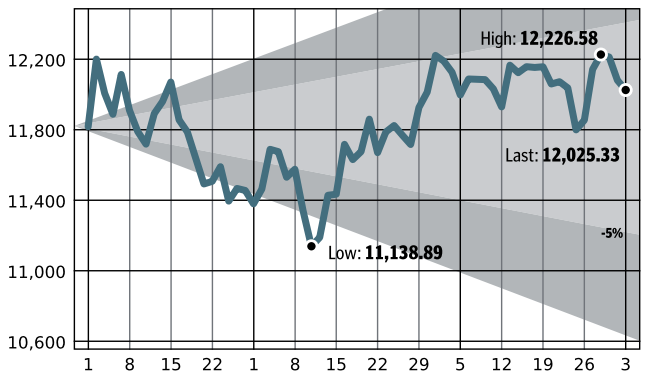

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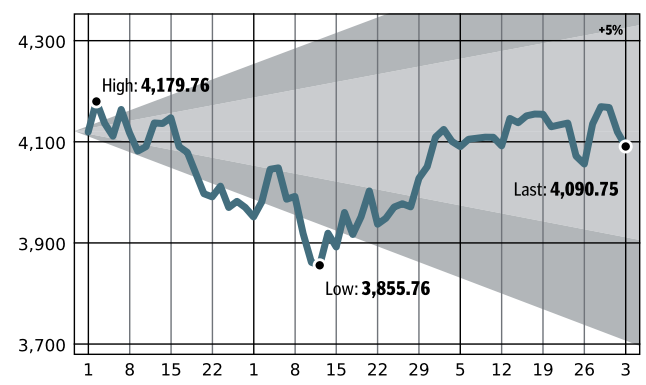

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Icahn becomes target of short seller

By Michael J. de la Merced
NEW YORK TIMES

Over nearly a half-century, Carl Icahn has shaken up Wall Street as a corporate raider and activist shareholder, making corporate titans bow down to his demands and change their business strategies.

But Tuesday, his publicly traded company, Icahn Enterprises, became a target of Hindenburg Research, the short seller firm that has made its name in recent years by taking on Indian tycoon Gautam Adani and Twitter cofounder Jack Dorsey.

Hindenburg accused Icahn Enterprises of being overvalued. The company trades well above its net asset value, unlike similar financial vehicles run by William A. Ackman and Daniel S. Loeb. Hindenburg also called out what it said was an unjustifiably hefty dividend being financed by stock sales.

"Icahn has been using money taken in from new investors to pay out dividends to old investors," Hindenburg wrote in a public report. It likened Icahn Enterprises to "Ponzi-like economic structures" that survive only while new investors are willing to be the last "holding the bag." Hindenburg said that it was betting that Icahn Enterprises' shares would fall, which would give it a trading profit.

Carl Icahn leads Icahn Enterprises.

The company's stock tumbled 20 percent Tuesday and was down nearly 2 percent in premarket trading Wednesday.

Hindenburg also called out Jefferies, which it said was the only large investment bank to publish research on Icahn Enterprises — and also helps the company sell stock.

Icahn Enterprises responded by saying that it stood by its disclosures.

"We believe the self-serving short-seller report published by Hindenburg Research today was intended solely to generate profits on Hindenburg's short position at the expense of IEP's long-term unit holders," the company said in a statement.

Over just a few years, Hindenburg and its founder, Nathan Anderson, have shot to prominence by publishing critical research papers on highflying companies. It has achieved considerable success: Nikola, an electric vehicle maker, ousted its founder after Hindenburg accused him of fraud, while companies in Adani's business empire lost billions in market value after Hindenburg said they perpetrated stock manipulation and other misdeeds.

Hindenburg got one prominent endorser: Ackman, a hedge fund mogul who memorably clashed with Icahn over the prospects of Herbalife, the supplements company that Ackman had shorted. (The two billionaires memorably bickered on CNBC in 2013, a confrontation that gripped Wall Street.)

They made peace, but time may not have healed all wounds.

"There is a karmic quality to this short report that reinforces the notion of a circle of life and death," Ackman tweeted of Hindenburg's report. "As such, it is a must-read."

Dimon finally a force in Boston

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chusetts: It would grow to 90 branches in this state by the end of 2025. Even that kind of growth might not significantly rattle Massachusetts market leaders Bank of America, Citizens, and Santander. They all got to where they are through deal-making. But federal regulators have blocked Chase from any more acquisitions — traditional ones, anyway — because it holds more than 10 percent of bank deposits nationwide. Chase had to bulk up in Boston branch by branch, opening them one at a time.

So why did Dimon focus on Boston?

First, back in 2018, Dimon identified three big holes on his nationwide map: Boston, Philadelphia, Washington. It was time to finally open branches in those cities, as part of a broader expansion that would bring Chase 400 new locations over a five-year period. Dimon wanted Chase to be the first true national bank, with branches in all 48 contiguous states. Despite the pandemic interrupting everyone's plans, Chase arrived there in 2021. Plus, Dimon was already familiar with the lay of the land here, having spent eight formative years here, including four at Tufts and two at Harvard Business School.

The Boston market is also attractive to bankers in general because of its wealth. That's certainly why executives at First Republic's headquarters in San Francisco found it appealing when they decided to open their bank's first full-service branch here in 2006, on Federal Street.

Expanding into a market on a "de novo" basis — opening new branches instead of through an acquisition — is tough. Really tough. It's even harder in Massachusetts because of the competition posed by the state's healthy ecosystem of community banks, at least 100 of them. This vibrant scene of homegrown banks makes Massachusetts unique, particularly because most are mutual banks that aren't subject to the whims of the stock market, according to Samantha Kirby, cochair of law firm Goodwin Procter's banking practice.

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JPMorgan Chase recently acquired First Republic Bank in a federally orchestrated sale to secure remaining deposits following a bank run.

Citigroup famously tried to go "de novo" to expand into Boston but gave up, deciding in 2015 to close its retail branches here.

First Republic, however, proved it could be done. It did make one teensy-tiny New England acquisition back in 2006 — for a charter, not customers. And after First Republic's 2010 IPO, its business in Boston took off like a rocket ship.

First Republic did it by focusing on wealthy customers, including bigwigs in finance and real estate, offering white-glove service and low-rate jumbo mortgages. In return, these clients brought everything from their wealth management business to development loans under the First Republic roof.

First Republic's approach engendered a fierce loyalty. In March, when it seemed First Republic might follow Silicon Valley Bank into collapse, Boston real estate lawyer EJ Schneider rounded up a who's who of Boston real estate to sign a statement of support. Schneider, a partner at Dalton & Finegold, says First Republic bankers offered a "curated customer experience," acting as personal quarterbacks for finances. The bank, as Schneider puts it, believed in relationships as well as balance sheets.

In the end, though, this reliance on wealthy clients came back to haunt First Republic. As with SVB, too many of First Republic's deposit accounts were over the FDIC insurance level of $250,000. Fear set in, and a bank run was on. Last week, First Republic said it lost roughly half of its deposits during the first three months of 2023. To save what was left, federal regulators orchestrated a fire sale last weekend, and JPMorgan Chase apparently offered the best deal for the FDIC's deposit insurance fund. The feds essentially waived their block on the bank's acquisitions to make the deal happen.

The First Republic name will go away. Beyond that, the future is unclear. Some customers say they expect to lose the personal attention that made First Republic special. Gerard Cassidy, a bank analyst with RBC Capital Markets, says Chase will not continue that level of high-touch service.

JPMorgan Chase has been far more profitable, he notes, with 2.5 times the return on equity that First Republic had as of the end of 2022. Guess which business model will likely prevail post-acquisition.

Dimon has come across as a reluctant rescuer. But the bank bragged to investors on Monday how First Republic's franchise will complement the J.P. Morgan and Chase franchises — particularly when it comes to wealth management.

We won't know how far up JPMorgan Chase moves in the Massachusetts rankings until later this summer. Even after assuming only half of the First Republic business remains after all this tumult, Dimon's bank will be in the top 10 in metro Boston. BofA and Citizens may remain forever out of reach in this market. However, the likes of Santander, Eastern, and TD are suddenly within striking distance.

Top three? Sure sounded crazy once upon a time. But not so crazy anymore.

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Boston Dynamics robot can be run with ChatGPT

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bot."

Levatas, based in Florida, has been working as a partner with Boston Dynamics since the Waltham robotics maker started selling Spot to commercial customers for about $75,000 in 2019. As of the end of last year, Boston Dynamics had sold more than 1,000 of the robots to customers including Anheuser-Busch and Dominion Energy.

"We sometimes joke and say we are building 'blue collar' AI," Nielsen said. "It's maybe not as sexy as some AI, but it can help factories maintain productivity... We're literally keeping humans safe in an industrial setting."

So far, the ChatGPT feature is only being tested in-house at Levatas. It has not been offered to Levatas's Fortune 100 customers who currently use Spot robots to conduct safety inspections in factories, utility plants, and on oil and gas rigs.

In a YouTube video posted by Santiago Valdarrama, director of computer vision solutions at Levatas, a Spot robot with the ChatGPT feature answered questions about a recent inspection mission and moved backward on command.

ChatGPT is famous for its human-like command of language but also for sometimes making mistakes, fabricating information in a quirk known as "hallucinating," or issuing threats. That has raised concerns that the technology is proliferating too quickly without adequate safeguards. A letter signed by more than one thousand scientists and academics in March asked the tech industry to delay further development of ChatGPT and similar apps for at least six months.

Putting generative AI apps in robots is risky, according to Gary Marcus, professor emeritus in psychology and neural science at New York University.

"What could possibly go wrong? A lot," Marcus said. "ChatGPT is notoriously unreliable... ChatGPT still lacks reliable common sense. Put that in a robot and you could easily wind up with a robot doing dangerous things, or just not doing what you expect. A hallucinating robot could pose serious issues."

The Levatas software does not use the version of ChatGPT that was trained on millions of online documents and has a tendency to concoct nonexistent facts. Instead, the software running on Spot has so far been trained using only data from the robot and its missions, preventing the software from venturing into the unknown with its responses, Nielsen said.

"It knows only a finite data set so it's not actually creating or generating new data," Nielsen said. "It's pulling from a known set of data."

Adding generative AI could be crucial to making robots more useful, Fady Saad, general partner of VC firm Cybernetix Ventures, said. Consumer tech products have evolved from using buttons, for example, to adding touchscreen and voice controls, he noted.

"Robotics innovators shouldn't ignore the developments happening in platforms like ChatGPT," Saad said. Instead, they need to "seriously work on integrating these developments into their industrial products and solutions."

To expand Spot's capabilities in the future, Levatas could add the broader version of ChatGPT, Nielsen said. The aim would be to give the robot the ability to analyze and summarize the data it collects.

"But that could run the risk of hallucination," Nielsen said. "Right now, that's not where we're at."

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CRABGRASS by Tauhid Bondia

THE COPS ARE LOOKING FOR ME NOW?!
YOU CAN GO TO JAIL FOR SNEAKING OUT?
HEY, FART BREATH, IT'S KYLE...
OPEN UP!
CRAP!
UHM... THE LOCK IS STUCK, KYLE! I CAN'T--
I KNOW MILES IS IN THERE.
DOUBLE CRAP!
YOU DORKS ARE SO DEAD.
CHECK IF HE'S WIRED!

ZITS by Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

DUDE! I KNOW WHY SARA IS MAD AT YOU.
TELL ME!
D'IJON SAID THAT LUNA TOLD HER THAT MANDY SAID THAT SHE HEARD KEIRA TELL KAYONG THAT CONNOR TOLD OWEN THAT SAGE OVERHEARD BRIE TELLING--
GET TO THE POINT!
NOW I HAVE TO START OVER. THIS IS VERY PRECISE!
DEATH BY CONTEXT.

PLUGGERS by Rick McKee

Pluggers don't pay more for "farm fresh" or "locally grown" food. They grow their own.

DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau

SO HOW'S YOUR SOCIAL LIFE, ZIP?
CONFUSING. UNCLE ZONKER. I'VE ALREADY GOT WOMAN PROBLEMS.
WOMAN PROBLEMS?
BIG TIME! THERE'S THIS CO-ED WHO KEEPS SMILING AT ME IN ENGLISH CLASS!
WHAT'S MY NEXT MOVE? DO I WEAR A DISGUISE? GIVE HER ROSES? TRANSFER OUT? BUY A CONDOM? REPORT HER TO THE DEAN?
ALL STRONG OPTIONS, BUT WHAT'S THE GOAL HERE EXACTLY?
WHO KNOWS? MY STUDENT COUNSELORS NEVER IN!

DUSTIN by Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

RED & ROVER by Brian Basset

NEATO-TORPEDO! WITH THE TV OFF, I CAN SEE OUR REFLECTION ON THE SCREEN!
WRESTLE WRESTLE
IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE'RE ON A REAL TV SHOW!
HELP, LASSIE, HELP! I'VE FALLEN DOWN A WELL! HELPPPP!
WHAT'S WITH THE KISSES?
IT'S THE WATER IN THE WELL, SILLY.

ARCTIC CIRCLE by Alex Hallatt

THEY BURN FOSSIL FUELS THAT ARE CAUSING THE CLIMATE CRISIS, AND THE PARTICULATES RELEASED CAN CAUSE ASTHMA ATTACKS.
DON'T YOU AGREE GAS STOVES HAVE DRAWBACKS?
ONE.
THE CLICKY THING THAT LIGHTS THE GAS STOPS WORKING AFTER THE WARRANTY EXPIRES.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston

JOHN, I JUST WANT SOME "GOOD" FURNITURE. I DON'T THINK I'M ASKING TOO MUCH. I JUST WANT SOMETHING BETTER. I WANT A ROOM I CAN SHOW OFF. I WANT...
HI.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
HELPING GORDON MOVE.
YOU SHOULD SEE HIS APARTMENT, MOM. ALL HE HAS IS HIS BED, HIS CLOTHES, OUR OLD COUCH AND SOME DISHES -IT'S AMAZING!!
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CURTIS, LET ME GIVE YOU A LESSON ON HOME ECONOMICS
HERE ARE THE BILLS
HERE'S MY PAYCHECK
FLAP FLAPP
LIFE'S LESSONS CAN SOMETIMES SMACK YOU UPSIDE THE HEAD

RHYMES WITH ORANGE by Hilary Price

THE SHOP
Ssh! Did you hear that?
OKAY, SO IT NEEDS OIL. WHAT ABOUT THE KNOCKING SOUND, AND THE DOORS CREAKING OPEN BY THEMSELVES?

ARLO & JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

EVERY DAY WE USE A CREDIT CARD TO BUY SOMETHING ONLINE!
WE BANK ONLINE AND PAY BILLS WITH ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS!
AND WE ACCESS IT ALL BY ENTERING A PASSWORD!
YET IF I SO MUCH AS TYPE THE WORD 'SEAL,' I INSTANTLY SEE ADS FOR CANNING LIDS AND WEATHERSTRIPPING!

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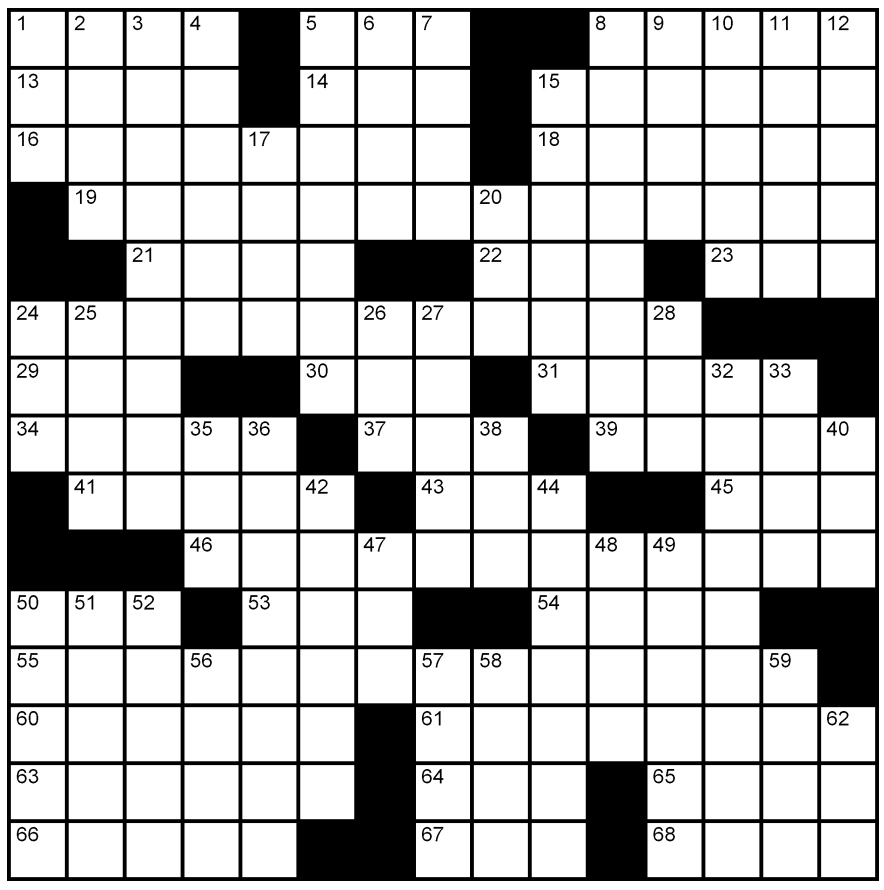
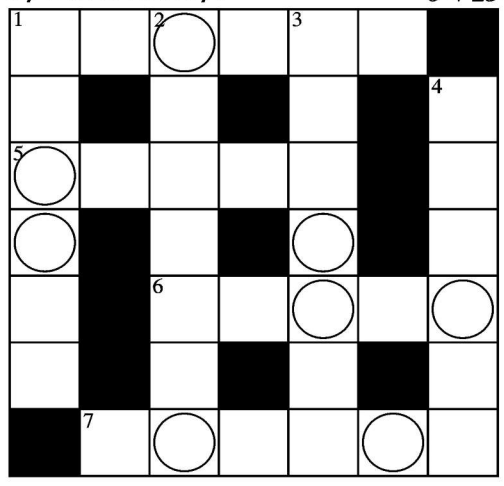


ACROSS

1 "The Lion King" antagonist
5 Green-lights
8 Play groups?
13 Board game with Chef White and Mayor Green
14 Spanish article
15 Fast-casual bakery-cafe chain
16 Occasions where matches cause sparks?
18 High regard
19 Words of praise for a digital storage device?
21 "This Is Us" actor Ventimiglia
22 Suffix for "symbol" and "social"
23 "The More You Know" spot, e.g.
24 Nation founded by a Romantic composer?
29 Grain in some vegan milk
30 White wine aperitif
31 Ensnares
34 "Happy ___!" (June greeting)
37 Afternoon social
39 Top-tier
41 Scoring 100% on
43 Make a wrong turn, say
45 "Nope"
46 Cross laundry off the to-do list, say?
50 Olympic champion Raisman
53 Earned a medal, perhaps
54 Not worth discussing
55 Not-so-flavorful wine?
60 Season that starts at the March equinox
61 Photo that might be shaken
63 Rick of rickrolling fame
64 "... because 7 ___ 9" (punchline)
65 First part of SOHCAHTOA
66 Approvals
67 Modern TV type
68 Cupid's Greek counterpart

DOWN

1 Coll. or univ.
2 Shoe often made of wood
3 Self-executing
4 Website home to r/crossword
5 Microsoft email app
6 ___-high socks
7 Lip
8 Soft sweater material
9 Blue chip investment that goes to pot, perhaps?
10 Escort to a higher floor
11 Ringlet
12 Afro-Brazilian dance
15 Watch someone's ferrets, for example
17 Up for the job
20 Knight's title
24 Soak (up)
25 Skating champion Lipinski
26 Tailor's concern
27 Type of salad or yogurt
28 ___ pal
32 Merlot relative
33 Invincibility item in "Super Mario Bros."
35 Prefix for "agree"
36 Interlaces
38 Trans women ___ women
40 Lamb's mama
42 Like one who's just woken up, perhaps
44 Went on and on and on
47 Traveler's stop
48 Faygo flavor
49 Raspy
50 Test for purity
51 Temporary slipup
52 Round tents
56 Despicable
57 Gemstone with milky and fire varieties
58 Something passed in class
59 T. rex, for one
62 Word before "Moines" or "Plaines"



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Restfulness, calm	EOPERS
5. Orange ____	UECIJ
6. Wrong	SMISA
7. Small sphere	LLEETP

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Return to	NJIORE
2. Monkey or ape	PTEIRMA
3. Unique	SCPLIEA
4. Close of day	NTUESS

CLUE: This actor is also a musician who has recorded three studio albums.

BONUS ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Repose 5A-Juice 6A-Amiss 7A-Pellet 1D-Rejoin 2D-Primate 3D-Special 4D-Sunset B-Joe Pesci

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Boston's forecast

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TODAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **47-52** LOW **42-47** Cloudy, breezy and cool with a brief shower or two. Winds NNE 12-25 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight with a shower in places. Winds N 7-14 mph.

FRIDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **49-54** LOW **45-50** Mainly cloudy and cool with a passing shower or two. Winds NE 8-16 mph. Clearing at night. Winds W 6-12 mph.

SATURDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **64-69** LOW **50-55** Intervals of clouds and sunshine; milder. Winds WNW 6-12 mph. Mainly clear at night. Winds WNW 7-14 mph.

SUNDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

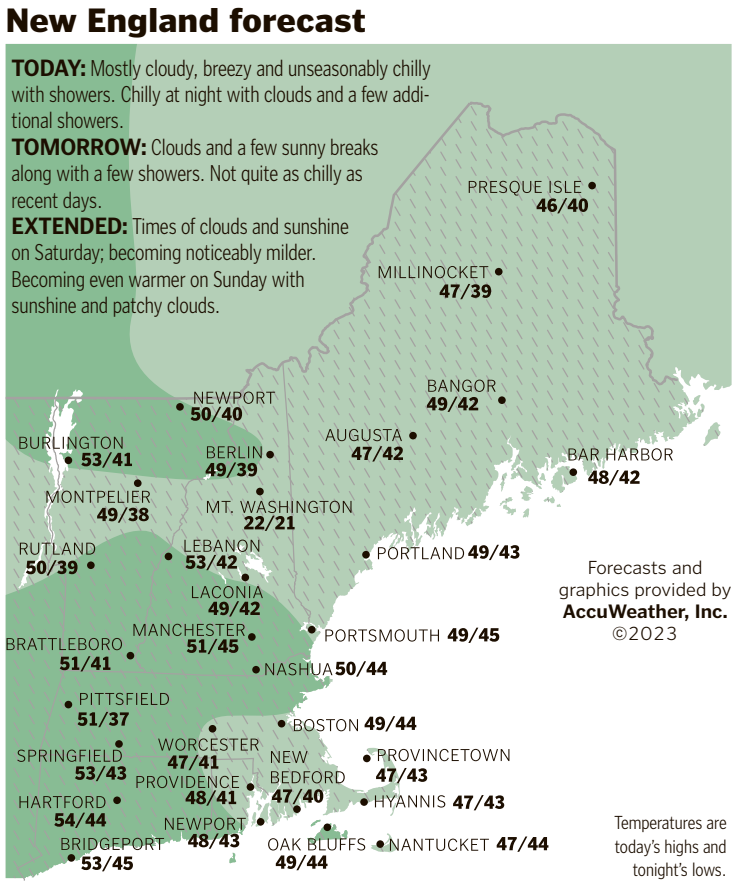
HIGH **68-73** LOW **51-56** Mostly sunny and warmer; a nice end to the weekend. Winds WNW 8-16 mph. Mainly clear at night. Winds W 8-16 mph.

MONDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **69-74** LOW **51-56** Mostly sunny and nice. Winds NW 10-20 mph. Clear to partly cloudy at night. Winds NW 6-12 mph.

New England forecast

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, breezy and unseasonably chilly with showers. Chilly at night with clouds and a few additional showers.
TOMORROW: Clouds and a few sunny breaks along with a few showers. Not quite as chilly as recent days.
EXTENDED: Times of clouds and sunshine on Saturday; becoming noticeably milder. Becoming even warmer on Sunday with sunshine and patchy clouds.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	55°/45°
Sunrise	5:36 a.m.
Sunset	7:47 p.m.
Moonrise	6:54 p.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Snow and fog
Visibility	1/16 of a mile
Wind	east-northeast at 35 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	26/22
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	22.0"

Allergies Source: Asthma & Allergy Affiliates, Inc.

Trees	Weeds	Grass	Mold
High	N.A.	Low	N.A.

Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality

GOOD 25 | MOD. | UNHEALTHY | HAZARDOUS
50 100 150 200 300

For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site www.state.ma.us/DEP

24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)

Yesterday	0.03"	Month to date	0.24"	Year to date	14.22"
Precip days in May	3	Norm. month to date	0.32"	Norm. year to date	14.72"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	11:11	11:22
Height	9.5	10.3
Boston low	5:00	5:13
Height	0.4	0.8
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	11:03	11:11
Hampton Beach NH	11:17	11:25
Plum Island	11:26	11:39
Ipswich	11:02	11:10

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Gloucester	11:11	11:22
Marblehead	11:11	11:22
Lynn	11:11	11:20
Scituate	11:17	11:28
Plymouth	11:22	11:36
Cape Cod Canal East	11:02	11:13
Cape Cod Canal West	9:54	
Falmouth	10:55	11:06

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Hyannis Port	---	12:13
Chatham	---	12:09
Wellfleet	11:25	11:36
Provincetown	11:12	11:25
Nantucket Harbor	---	12:13
Oak Bluffs	11:29	11:49
New Bedford	7:37	7:57
Newport RI	7:30	7:50

New England marine forecast

Small craft advisory · Gale warning · Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	N 10-20 kts.	4-7 ft.	49/44
East Cape			
Cod Canal	N 12-25 kts.	4-7 ft.	47/42
Buzzards Bay	N 10-20 kts.	2-4 ft.	47/42
Martha's Vineyard	N 12-25 kts.	3-5 ft.	50/44
Nantucket	N 12-25 kts.	3-6 ft.	47/44
Provincetown	N 10-20 kts.	4-8 ft.	47/43

For current Charles River Basin water quality, call (781) 788-0007 or go to http://www.charlesriver.org.

Cities

Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

● Travel delays possible, **C** Clouds, **F** Fog, **H** Haze, **I** Ice, **Pc** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **Sh** Showers, **S** Sun, **Sn** Snow, **Fl** Flurries, **T** Thunderstorms, **W** Windy

	Today		Tomorrow	
Atlanta	74/54	S	69/57	C
● Atlantic City	55/40	Sh	58/44	Sh
Charlotte	71/49	S	70/57	C
Chicago	70/51	Pc	73/53	Pc
● Dallas	82/71	Pc	93/70	T
● Denver	71/43	T	75/42	Pc
Detroit	61/43	Pc	65/47	Pc
Fort Myers	90/65	S	92/71	S
● Los Angeles	62/53	R	63/51	Pc
Miami	89/72	S	89/75	Pc
New Orleans	85/70	S	85/72	T
● New York City	56/47	Sh	60/48	C
● Philadelphia	60/46	Sh	62/47	Sh
● Phoenix	80/60	S	83/60	Pc
● Salt Lake City	71/48	T	63/46	C
San Francisco	62/51	C	63/53	C
● Seattle	61/48	Sh	52/45	Sh
Washington	62/47	Pc	67/52	Pc
● Beijing	69/60	R	69/53	C
Cancun	90/77	Pc	89/76	Pc
● Mexico City	80/57	T	79/55	C
● Montreal	51/42	Sh	57/43	Pc
Toronto	51/43	C	55/44	Pc
Vancouver	60/52	C	56/46	Sh
Jerusalem	87/65	S	95/57	C
London	65/52	Pc	64/52	Sh
Moscow	59/39	Pc	50/32	R
Paris	74/53	Pc	68/52	Sh
Rome	73/50	Pc	73/52	S
San Juan	92/75	Pc	91/75	Sh
Stockholm	44/21	Pc	47/21	Pc
● Tokyo	75/62	S	75/66	Pc

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 4, 2023:
You are charming, perceptive and affectionate. You are also calm, which is why others often seek out your help. When necessary, you are an excellent teacher. This is a year of teaching and learning for you, and perhaps more solitude. You will acquire more knowledge, as well as increased inner awareness.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
Be careful with financial matters today, especially when dealing with taxes, debt, inheritances, or insurance matters. You might have a knee-jerk reaction about something. However, you also might feel confused because of your sympathy for someone. Wait for clarity. Tonight: Schmooze.
TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
Be patient with partners and close friends today. They might be emotionally upset about something. In fact, this could relate to an extravagant expenditure or a financial situation that is fuzzy or excessive. Make sure you have all the facts before you make a judgment. Take it easy. Tonight: Happy purchases.
GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Be patient with work colleagues today. You might cross swords with someone, possibly because they're excited or upset. Perhaps they're trying to introduce improvements. Meanwhile, you might come from a totally different perspective; hence the confusion. Tonight: You're confident.
CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
Lovers' quarrels might erupt today. Likewise, parents might be suddenly upset with their kids, or your kids might have a hissy fit or a meltdown for some reason. Whatever the case, be patient, because there's a strong element of confusion and wishful thinking today. Tonight: Solitude.
LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
Do what you can to keep the peace at home today, especially with female family members. Keep in mind that your sympathy for a friend or a member of a group might add some confusion to whatever is happening today. Get your facts straight before you take sides. Tonight: Enjoy friendships.
VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
This is a mildly accident-prone day for you. You might have an emotional reaction to something, which, in turn, creates a distraction for you. Accidents don't have to happen, but you have to maintain your cool. When talking to authority figures, think twice before you speak. Tonight: You're admired.
LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
Your desire to travel and learn is strong today. In fact, you have romantic notions about where you would like to go and what you would like to do. Meanwhile, do not be impulsive about how you spend your money today. Give everything a sober second thought. Tonight: Explore!
SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
This is a challenging day, because the Moon is at odds with your ruler Pluto, which can stifle your feelings. But that doesn't mean they go away. They're still there. In fact, jealousy is likely. Be clear about how to handle the resources of others. Tonight: Finances look good.
SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
You feel sympathetic to friends, spouses and partners today. You might even feel a strong connection to someone who is a member of the public. Your compassion is aroused. Nevertheless, because this element of sympathetic confusion is present, tread carefully. Tonight: Cooperation.
CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
You don't have to coerce a friend or a group to agree with you today; however, you will be tempted to do this. Meanwhile, if you can help a co-worker, you will. Good. Never miss an opportunity to practice a kindness. Tonight: Work is easy.
AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
Discussions with parents, bosses, or the police might become heated today. Avoid this if you can, because what good will it serve? Meanwhile, romance is heightened, even though there is a veil of confusion present. Because of this confusing element, be careful about going overboard. Tonight: Socialize!
PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
Avoid controversial subjects today, because they will disintegrate into a clash of wills. Meanwhile, you will feel sympathetic to a family member and look for ways to help or support them if you can. You also might enjoy redecorating where you live or tweaking your digs in some way. Tonight: Entertain.

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SUDOKU

	3		8		6		1	
		1		2		5		
	9			3			4	
		6				7		
	1			4			9	
		4				1		
	2			8			7	
		9		1		8		
	5		2		9		3	

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North
♠ 9 6 3
♡ K 10 3
♢ Q 10 7 5 2
♣ K 5

West
♠ Q J 10 5
♡ Q 8 6 4
♢ 6
♣ J 9 6 2

East
♠ K 8 7 4 2
♡ J 7
♢ 8 3
♣ A Q 10 4

South
♠ A
♡ A 9 5 2
♢ A K J 9 4
♣ 8 7 3

South	West	North	East
1 ♢	Pass	2 ♢	Pass
2 ♡	Pass	4 ♢	Pass
5 ♢	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ Q

We're all in the manufacturing business: Some people make good, some make trouble, some make amends and many of us make excuses.

Against today's five diamonds, West led the queen of spades, and South won and drew trumps. He next led the A-K of hearts and a third heart. West won with the queen and judged that the contract was unbeatable if South had the ace of clubs. So West shifted to the deuce of clubs, and East took the ace and queen. Down one.

"I'm safe if West has the ace of clubs," South shrugged, "or if he doesn't lead a club; I pitch a club from dummy on my high nine of hearts."

Did South have a valid excuse?

South had no excuse. He should lead a trump to dummy at Trick Two, ruff a spade, lead a trump to dummy and ruff the last spade. He next leads the ace of hearts and a heart to dummy's 10. East wins with the jack but is stuck: He must give dummy the king of clubs or concede a ruff-sluff. South also succeeds if East began with three hearts.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ A ♡ A 9 5 2 ♢ A K J 9 4 ♣ 8 7 3. You are the dealer. What is your opening call?

ANSWER: Today's South opened one diamond. He had a smooth auction when North raised, but a response of one spade instead would have left him with an awkward second bid. Some players would try to avoid rebid problems by opening 1NT, but that would be asking for trouble. Open one diamond and rebid two hearts or three diamonds over a one-spade response.

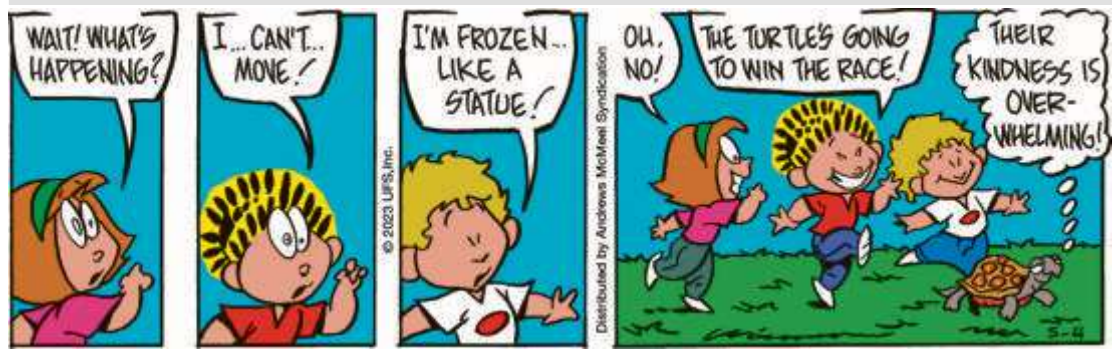
ZIPPY "Cat a Tonic?" by Bill Griffith

SEE THAT CAT, ZIPPY? IMAGINE ALL TH' THINGS IT DOESN'T KNOW...
LIKE, WHO'S BATMAN & ROBIN?
RIGHT... IT NEVER PLAYED A VIDEO GAME OR SAW A SUPER HERO MOVIE.. NOR CAN IT PICTURE STORMY DANIELS!
WHAT A NIGHTMAR-ISH EXIST-ENCE!
I DON'T KNOW. SOMETIMES I THINK I'D LIKE TO BE A CAT FOR A FEW HOURS...
IMAGINE— A WORLD WITHOUT MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE!

ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell

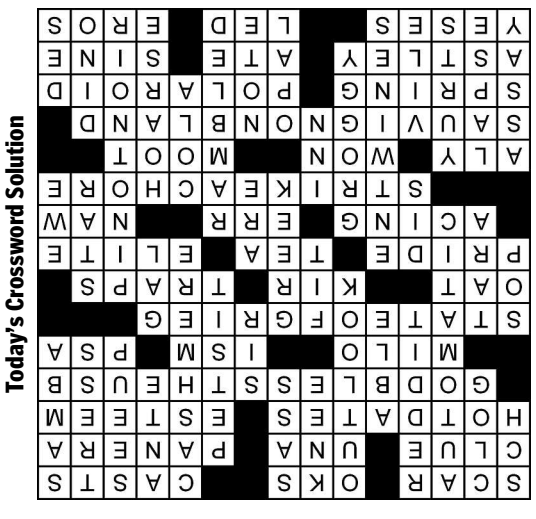
BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro

ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer


WAIT! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I... CAN'T.. MOVE!
I'M FROZEN.. LIKE A STATUE!
OH, NO!
THE TURTLE'S GOING TO WIN THE RACE!
THEIR KINDNESS IS OVER-WHELMING!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters

Today's Crossword Solution



Today's Sudoku Solution

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6	7	9	5	8	4	3	2	1
2	6	1	8	5	3	4	7	9
8	9	3	7	4	6	1	2	5
4	5	7	2	9	1	8	6	3
7	4	6	1	3	5	2	9	8
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